

Plight of Local Baseball For 1941 Is in Hands of the Fans

Williamston Faculty Will Meet Hi School Teams Here Tonight

Annual Court Show At Gym To Include Both 'Old And New'

First Game Is Scheduled To Get Underway Around 7:30 o'Clock

The Williamston Faculty will present, en masse, their annual basketball show tonight at the local gym. The women of the faculty will match their talents against the strong Green Wave sextet around about 7:30 o'clock. Some of the "old timers" of the faculty (that is, those that have played with the teachers in the past years) include Mrs. Dunn, Mrs. Crawford, Mrs. Edwards, Miss Everett and Miss Mewborn. Some of the newcomers to the organization who will be on display will include Miss Glazener, Miss Duke, Miss Knight, Miss Strickland, Miss Fowler and Miss Bradley.

The men teachers will go on exhibition for the second act with only two old hands on deck, Mr. Manning and Coach Sam Edwards. However, the teachers are counting on new talent this year to give the local high boys a tussle. Mr. Butler has been getting his baton vigorously in shape swinging his baton vigorously for the past two weeks; Coach Yates has been skipping about during the girls' practice to get in shape; Mr. McGuire is expecting to loop a few, and the schoolmasters are counting on the height of Mr. Cobb to lend a hand. Principal Hix is hoping to have his trick knee in line by Tuesday night to show the youngsters how basketball used to be played some several years back.

The general show and entertainment will begin at 7:30 (provided the ladies are dressed by then) with the men "going on" about 8:30. Season tickets are not good for these games.

Increased Number Wrecks Reported

An approximate 15 per cent increase in accident reports for the year 1940 as compared with 1939 was announced this week by the Highway Safety Division.

"This increase does not reflect a proportionate increase in traffic accidents in this state last year, however," said Ronald Hocutt, director of the safety division, "It merely reflects more complete reporting of the accidents that occurred."

Records of the division show that nearly 10,000 accident reports were received during 1940, against some over 8,000 received in 1939. Traffic fatalities for 1940 were around five per cent above 1939.

"The Highway Safety Division is most grateful to the sheriffs, State Highway Patrolmen and police officers of North Carolina for their cooperation in sending in accident reports last year," the safety director said. "We know that these officers

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By Jack Sords



—AND SEND ME AN EASY CHAIR, ONE WHEEL CHAIR AND A PAIR OF CRUTCHES

CHARLEY GEHRINGER,
POPULAR DETROIT VETERAN, THE FIRST TIGER PLAYER TO SIGN A CONTRACT FOR 1941

AFTER THE LAST WORLD'S SERIES CHARLEY WAS CONVINCED THAT HIS AGING MUSCLES NEEDED A PERMANENT REST

Bear Grass Wins Two From Roper

The Bear Grass High School sextet won its eighth game in as many starts by trimming Roper High, 17-2, last Friday night. Lorena Rogers led Bear Grass on defense, and Ruth Terry, with 7 points, led on offense. Davidson made Roper's only points on a field goal. Chesson was best on defense.

The Bear Grass boys stopped the Roper quint, 36-9. Henry White and Elbert Harris, with 10 points apiece, were the Bear Grass leaders. Rufus Gurganus led on defense. Sprull, with 6, and Hassell, with 3, scored Roper's points.

Bear Grass boys have lost only two of nine games. Rocky Mount and Tarboro hold victories over the locals.

are going to bend every effort to make accident reporting in this state as complete as possible during 1941, and we appeal to all drivers in the state to help us further by sending in reports on any accidents in which they might be involved."

North Carolina law requires that a written report of an accident must be made to the Highway Safety Di-

Wins Tennis Title



Following in her mother's footsteps, Dorothy Wightman, 17, won the national indoor junior tennis singles championship in Boston. Her mother held more than thirty titles in tennis and was the donor of the Wightman Cup, awarded annually to the best British or American tennis team.

vision within 24 hours after the accident occurs if any person has been injured, no matter how slightly, or if the damage done to property seems likely to amount to more than \$10. There are two main uses of accident reports. One is to furnish information as to where accidents occur most often, as a basis for selective engineering and enforcement. The second is to furnish information about the causes of accidents, as a basis for safety education.

Co-Ops
Farmer co-ops, with a membership of more than 3,000,000 producers, handled a \$2,000,000,000 business during the 1939-40 marketing season, says the Farm Credit Administration.

Local High School Court Teams Lose Pair To Tarboro

Jamse and Clifton Ward Lead Wave in Unsuccessful Attempt

The Williamston High boys' and girls' basketball teams went down in defeat by close margins before the strong Tarboro outfits last Friday night in Tarboro.

The girls fought hard to overcome the lead taken by Tarboro in the third period but fell short by two counters as the final gong sounded, score 24-22. Bina Jackson, with 10 points, led the local scorers. Ray Leggett followed with 9 points, and Marjorie Dunn contributed the other three. Guill led the winners with 14 counts; Cherry made 5, Pittman 3, Grannette 1, and Fountain 1. This loss gives the girls an even average of two wins and two losses.

The Green Wave boys also came out on the short end of the tally, 27 to 23. The Ward boys, Clifton and Jamse, led the attack for the locals each with 8 points. Bill Hatton proved to be too much a basketeer to be held down by his scoring rampage as he led Tarboro with 15 points. This puts the boys even with two wins and two losses.

The boys' box score:
Williamston
Peele, f 1 0 2
C. Ward, f 4 0 8
Jones, f 1 1 3
J. Ward, c 3 2 8
Griffin, g 0 0 0
Sullivan, g 1 0 2
Totals 10 3 23
Tarboro
Hatton, f 7 1 15
Webb, f 2 0 4
Edmondson, c 2 0 4
Carter, g 0 1 1
Bond, g 0 1 1
Carpenter, g 1 0 2
Totals 12 3 27

U.S. Farmers Finally Get a Vice President

During election years we hear much about the farm vote and its importance, but few of us realize how few farm leaders are ever nominated or elected to high office. Commenting on this fact, The Progressive Farmer reviews a little history apropos of the new Vice President-elect.

"The first representative of distinctly farm interests to win election on a nation ticket in probably 100 years, Vice President-elect Wallace is also one of the very few farm leaders even to win nomination on a national ticket. The People's Party, formed in 1892 as a result of the National Farmers Alliance movement and holding its first national convention July 4 that year, would have nominated for President of the United States Col. L. L. Polk (founder and first editor of The Progressive Farmer) but for his sudden death the month before; Gen. Jas. B. Weaver, of Iowa, was then named and polled more than 1,000 votes. In 1896 Tom Watson, of Georgia, was nominated for Vice President. This year the Republicans nominated for Vice President Senator Chas. L. McNary famous co-author of the McNary-Haugen farm relief bill whereupon the Democrats trumped this card with Henry A. Wallace. A man of distinguished ability and courage, unusual scholarly interests, and of loftiest character and personal integrity, the new Vice President will reflect credit on the great American farming interests he represents."

Rocky Mount police registered 2,100 bicycles last year.

Pres. "Pete" Fowden Urges Your Support

Number Of Changes Are To Be Expected In Running the Club

Teams of Past Have Been of Great Value To Town's Business Growth

At present, the plight of the Williamston baseball club is undecided, and although various fans of the town have organized in an effort to hold the franchise in the Coastal Plain League here, it is still up to you fans to decide whether you want to have baseball this summer.

Despite the fact that arrangements are being closed to obtain a manager it is unlikely that this community will have a team unless proper donations are made in the very near future.

Due to the necessity of immediate action, President Leslie T. Fowden has issued the following statement to the public and baseball fans of Williamston and this section:

Recently, we had a meeting of some of the baseball fans to try to organize the national pastime in this community for the coming season, and, in a way, we were well pleased with the response and interest shown by the fans.

The organization was completed, with each man agreeing to do his bit and I am sure the town and county as a whole are anxious to do their part in retaining the game here.

When you speak of the sports and baseball fans in a town or county, you are covering a lot of territory, for we come face to face with the ardent rooters that always see but one side and that is the bright one. Then we come in contact with the critics and I know as well as anyone that to be able to criticize a team, you have to be a good baseball fan for it would be impossible to criticize a team you cared nothing about. At that, there is constructive and destructive criticism. The destructive criticism is costly to the whole team and it hurts the morale of the players, the workers, the organization and every class, and yet, we all have a right to do it. Still, if we would change a little and use the constructive criticism—and that is invited—it would certainly help a great deal.

The situation this year will be a little different from the one of the past two years. Mr. Lilley, who owned the grandstand, bus and lighting plant, has agreed to sell same to the local organization at a fair price with terms and that is the only way the ball club could be run this year.

Concerning a manager, there are several being contacted such as Mr. Frank Rodgers, who was with Wilson the past two years; Mr. George Ferrell, who has been with the Richmond club for the past ten years; Mr. Cowboy McHenry, who managed the Tarboro team to a pennant last year, and Mr. H. L. Koehler, who managed and won pennants in the last two years in a Class C club. We are expecting definite action in the very near future.

In order to make a go of this, the people, of course, will have to respond, so if someone should canvass you within the next week or ten days, it will be up to you to decide whether or not you would like to see your town and county back in the game. There will be several changes made, but I am of the opinion they will be to the advantage of the town and ball club. I mean by that, the training season will be shortened and the players fewer. You know, we can sit here and talk about our town growing and we do have the best little town in eastern Carolina but, if we let our franchise leave us after having furnished baseball since the beginning of the Albatraz League, and I do not hesitate to say that I think it has brought more people into Williamston during the summer and dull season than anything else, we will make a terrible mistake. I do not believe that the business men, whether they are baseball inclined or not, will fail to donate and do what they can to keep the people in the habit of coming back to Williamston. Not only the people in this section think Williamston and Martin County are outstanding, but all of our neighbors think so. I do not see how we can afford to take a step backward and we cannot go forward unless you are willing to do your part.

I am writing this due to the fact that on February 4th, we have to deposit with the President of Minor League Baseball, \$600 in order to be in the league and, unless the organization sees its way clear to go through with the season, we most assuredly will not put up the \$600.

So, if you are unintentionally overlooked or not called on, see Dick Smith, Pete Fowden or the other officers and tell them how much you want and could contribute and when.

Rowan Farmer Harvests \$130 Worth Of Turnips

D. D. Pope of the Woodleaf community in Rowan County spent 50 cents for enough turnip seed to plant one acre from which he harvested \$130 worth of turnips, reports Assistant Farm Agent P. H. Satterwhite.

White Flash Bows To Locals Sunday In Thrilling Tilt

Jack Manning Displays Unusual Form To Aid In 31-27 Victory

In a close and thrilling exhibition, witnessed by a small but very enthusiastic crowd, the Williamston Martins defeated Lynn's White Flash here Sunday afternoon by a score of 31-27.

The game started off nip and tuck, and as one team went ahead the other would hit the hoop to knot the count. The score at the end of the first quarter was 10-10, and at the half-time period it was tied at 16 to 16.

But the White Flash put on a spurt in the third period to drop in four field goals and three free shots while the Martins were only making seven points, thus causing the visitors to lead the show 27 to 23 at this time. But the Martins started clicking in the fourth quarter and when the final whistle sounded they had scored eight points while holding the White Flash scoreless.

Jack Manning, rated a steady player, displayed unusual form against the Raleigh team, playing his best floor game and aiding greatly in the victory with his six points and good defensive work. The Martin scoring was equally divided between Pap Diem with 7 points, and Busko Anderson, Dave Fuller and Fenner Wallace, with six each.

The White Flash brought down a well-balanced team, with Sevier, former N. C. State star, and Sweel, former Wake Forest College veteran, offering a good brand of basketball. Sevier and Waters led the visitors scoring with 7 points each.

The box:

MARTINS	G	F	T
Manning, f	3	0	6
Anderson, f	3	0	6
Corey, c	0	0	0
Diem, g	3	1	7
Fuller, g	3	0	6
Wallace, g	3	0	6
Totals	15	1	31

The box:

WHITE FLASH	G	F	T
Baker, f	1	0	2
Sevier, f	3	1	7
Waters, c	3	1	7
Sweel, g	1	0	2
McCall, g	2	0	4
Holloman, g	1	3	5
Totals	11	5	27

Farmers Use Combines To Much Satisfaction

Jones County farmers using combines for the first time this past fall report much satisfaction from the machines, says John I. Eagles, assistant farm agent of the State College Extension Service.

Small Flock Of Hens Is Returning Neat Profit

A small flock of 40 white Leghorn hens is returning Mrs. Lester Price, of Marshall, a net profit of slightly more than \$15 a month, reports P. R. Elam, county agent of the State College Extension Service.

Stronger
The hog market's growing strength has been attributed by livestock men to moderate receipts, good consumer demand, and forecasts for reduced supplies this year.

NOT CERTAIN

According to an announcement from the management of the Williamston Martins, the next basketball game to be played here is now pending. It is possible that the local quint will meet the Windsor Rebels here either Wednesday or Thursday. The Martins will play Raleigh's White Flash here one night next week, the exact date awaiting word from the Raleigh team.

Local Eagles Gain Win Over Colerain

Williamston's Eagles took their first out-of-town win last night when they gained a 29-22 verdict over the Colerain Red Devils in a game played on the loser's court. The locals were behind only once in the contest, at 14-10 late in the first half, but they rallied to hold a 16-14 lead at the half-way mark.

Displaying an improved passing attack, the Eagles worked the ball in under the goal nicely during the second half and they soon ran up a sizable lead which the Red Devils could not overcome, despite a let-down of Eagle defense the latter part of the final quarter.

Bob Cowen, and Howard Earp, forwards, passed well in setting up crisps for Tom Barnhill, who sank four field goals for high scoring honors, and he was followed by Dawse Cook with three field goals and one gratis shot for seven points. Jack Manning, with 6 points, was next.

Tom Rose featured on defense during the last half as he held Harrell, Colerain center, scoreless after the latter had dropped in 12 of his team's 14 points during the first half.

This coming Thursday night the Eagles will travel over to Rocky Mount to meet the strong "Y" team of that city.

The box:

EAGLES	G	F	T
Cowen, f	2	0	4
Earp, f	2	0	4
Crofton, f	0	0	0
Rose, c	0	0	0
Manning, c-g	3	0	6
Barnhill, g	4	0	8
Cooke, g-f	3	1	7
Totals	14	1	29

The box:

RED DEVILS	G	F	T
Belf, f	1	0	2
Perry, f	0	0	0
Harrell, c	6	0	12
McGee, g	2	0	4
Forehand, g	2	0	4
Totals	11	0	22

Emmitt Fisher Is President Of County Service Club

Emmitt Fisher, of Fayetteville, Route 5, has been elected president of the Cumberland County Service Club for 1941, reports M. E. Holloman, assistant farm agent of the State College Extension Service.

The N. C. Highway Safety Division says there's practically no such thing as an unavoidable accident.



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