

County Basketball Tournament Will Begin February 11th

Local Gym Is Named As Site For High School Championship Series

Tourney Will Last Three Days; Award Trophies to Winners

Jamesville, Farm Life, Robersonville, Bear Grass, Williamston, and Oak City Enter Teams in Play-offs

At a meeting of the coaches of the six high schools in Martin County last Tuesday, the holding of the annual county high school basketball tournament was discussed and decided upon, with the tourney to begin Tuesday, February 11th, and end on Friday night, February 14th. The Williamston High School gymnasium was named as the site for the play-offs.

The battle for the county championship is expected to be as bitter and hard-fought as ever, with all teams given a fairly even chance at coping the honors. All principals and coaches are urged to have their teams ready to take the floor at the scheduled time for if this is not done, the games on the first and second nights will drag until a late hour.

It was also decided at the meeting that the proceeds of the tournament will be used to purchase a trophy for the boys and a trophy for the girls. Both trophies will be floating trophies, and awarded each year to champions at county tournaments or play-offs of any type which decide county champions. The trophies are 19 inches tall, made of Sun-Ray, and will cost approximately ten dollars. It was agreed that all schools share in any profits after expenses have been deducted. Any expenses not covered by gate receipts shall be borne equally by each school.

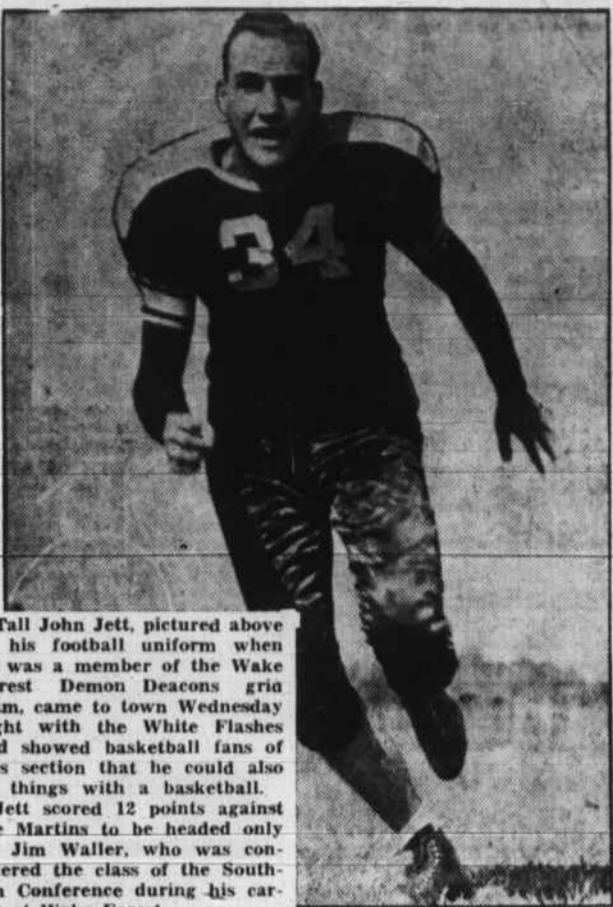
Beginning Tuesday, February 11, at 6 p. m., the tourney schedule is as follows:

Tuesday, February 11th
Williamston and Oak City girls meet at 6 p. m. Farm Life and Robersonville girls meet at 8 p. m. Bear Grass and Jamesville girls teams draw byes in the first round.

At 7 p. m. the Bear Grass and Oak City boys teams tangle. Jamesville and Robersonville boys meet at 9 p. m. Williamston and Farm Life boys teams draw first round byes.

Wednesday, February 12th
The Jamesville girls will play the winner of Farm Life-Robersonville contest at 6 p. m. The Bear Grass girls will meet the winner of the

A Basketball Star, Too!



Tall John Jett, pictured above in his football uniform when he was a member of the Wake Forest Demon Deacons grid team, came to town Wednesday night with the White Flashes and showed basketball fans of this section that he could also do things with a basketball. Jett scored 12 points against the Martins to be headed only by Jim Waller, who was considered the class of the Southern Conference during his career at Wake Forest.

'White Flashes' Drub Lifeless Locals, 48-35

Williamston-Oak City game, at 8 p. m.

In the second round play of the boys, Farm Life will meet the winner of the Bear Grass-Oak City tilt at 7 p. m., and Williamston will clash with the winner of the Jamesville-Robersonville affray at 9 p. m.

Friday, February 14th
In the championship finals the two victorious girls teams will meet

Williamston High Divides Bill With Washington There

Local Boys Are Victorious, 20 To 16, While Girls Lose 37 To 24

By JOHN GOFF

The Green Wave basketball teams divided a doubleheader with Washington High School on Tuesday night in the Armory at Washington. The Washington girls won 37-24, and the Williamston boys came through to win 20-16.

Marjorie Dunn led the Williamston girls with 12 points. Right behind her with six points each were Captain Ray Leggett and Bina Jackson. Clark with 13 points, led the Washington attack.

The boys' game was a close one with Washington leading at the half 10-6. Jack Sullivan, after an absence of two games, came back to lead the boys with 7 points. James Ward and S. C. Griffin were next with four points each. Washington leaders were Hainihon and W. Gerand with 6 and 4 points respectively.

The box scores:

Boys' Game			
Williamston	G	F	T
B. Peele, f	0	1	1
H. Peele, f	0	0	0
J. Ward, f	2	0	4
C. Ward, c	1	0	2
Griffin, g	2	0	4
Sullivan, g	3	1	7
Jones, g	1	0	2
Totals	9	2	20

Washington	G	F	T
Taylor, f	1	1	3
Roberson, f	0	0	0
Bell, f	0	0	0
Gerand, c	2	0	4
Hainihon, g	3	0	6
Graves, g	1	1	3
Gardner, g	0	0	0
Totals	7	2	16

Girls' Game			
Williamston	G	F	T
Jackson, f	3	0	6
Dunn, f	5	2	12
Leggett, f	2	2	6
Bunch, g	0	0	0
Shaw, g	0	0	0
Biggs, g	0	0	0
Gurganus, g	0	0	0
Jenkins, g	0	0	0
Totals	10	4	24

Washington	G	F	T
Clark, f	5	1	11
Roperville, f	6	1	13
Roberson, f	3	1	7
Elliott, f	1	0	2
Bowen, f	2	0	4
Gardner, g	0	0	0
Harris, g	0	0	0
Cherry, g	0	0	0
Nicholas, g	0	0	0
Shelton, g	0	0	0
Hodges, g	0	0	0
Gravely, g	0	0	0
Totals	17	3	37

Martins Are Off Form As Visitors Set "Hot" Pace

Jim Waller and John Jett Lead Flashes in Revenge Victory

The Raleigh White Flashes came here Wednesday night, and when they left they took most of the feathers from our favorite semi-pro basketball team, the Martins. The visiting team went out in front at the beginning of the contest, and stayed there until the end, chalking up a 48-35 decision.

The Martins were considerably "off form" and only at intervals did they show any of their former smoothness, with their guarding being far from up to par.

The White Flashes brought Jim Waller, former Wake Forest cage star, and he proved his worth on the trip by bagging 7 field goals and 2 free shots for a total of 16 points to lead the scoring of both teams. John Jett, another Wake Forest product who also starred as a football player, was second high for the night, counting 12 points from his center position. Sweet, still another Wake Forest star, and McCall, were next high for the Flashes with 9 points each.

In the Williamston attack, Pap Diem was high man with 11 points, closely followed by Bosko Anderson was scored 10 points. Cecil Longest, former Coastal Plain baseball hurler, was next high with 7 points. Fener Wallace and Anderson played unusually well for the locals.

But the White Flashes said they were seeking revenge, and nobody can say they didn't get it!

The box:			
MARTINS	G	F	T
Wallace, f	2	0	4
Anderson, f	4	2	10
Manning, c	0	1	1
Longest, c	3	1	7
Diem, g	5	1	11
Fuller, g	1	0	2
Totals	15	5	35

WHITE FLASH	G	F	T
Waller, f	7	2	16
Waters, f	1	0	2
Lynn, f	0	0	0
Jett, c	6	0	12
Sweet, g	4	1	9
McCall, g	4	1	9
Totals	22	4	48

at 7:30 o'clock, with the two undefeated boys' teams scheduled to battle it out at 8:30 o'clock.

The coaches' committee, in charge of the event, is listed as follows: S. R. Edwards, Williamston, chairman; Professors McCracken, Oak City; Suggs, Jamesville; Perry, Farm Life; Walters, Bear Grass.

Swine Diseases Causing Heavy Losses In Bertie

With swine diseases appearing much earlier than usual this year in Bertie County, some farmers are experiencing heavy losses, reports R. D. Smith, assistant farm agent.

Promise Showdown In Baseball Next Monday

Pledges Are \$500 Short Of Goal Set To Finance Team

Directors To Determine Fate Of Club At Meeting Next Monday

The fate of Williamston's entry in the Coastal Plain Baseball League will be determined next Monday night when the club directors meet for a study of the pledged support. "If we see there is sufficient support behind the club, we will tell the league directors at their meeting in Greenville the following night that we are in. If there isn't sufficient support pledged for the operation of the club, we will tell the league directors that Williamston is out," a club director said this morning.

Support pledged to date is very encouraging, according to Club President Leslie T. Fowden, but he points out that the drive for \$2,500 is \$500 short of its goal. The approximately \$2,000 already pledged includes anticipated revenue from the sale of advertisements on the fence. It is quite apparent now that if baseball is to be seen in Williamston this coming summer, the "little" fans will have to come across with liberal donations. The \$2,000 figure represents several \$100 donations, and quite a few ranging up to and slightly above \$50. Pledges of that size have just about been exhausted and baseball is now staring the little fans in the face for an answer.

It is well understood that plans for the operation of the club here this season will be abandoned if the pledged support is considered insufficient by the directors.

Negotiations for a manager are still underway, and a contract is expected not later than noon tomorrow, its final consummation depending upon the decision the fans make between now and next Monday night and final action by the board of directors. If the decision is favorable, the directors will instruct President Fowden to drop Williamston's name in the pot at the league meeting in Greenville. If the decision is unfavorable, there is some doubt if the club will even be represented at the league meeting.

Roxobel-Kelford Club Receives 4-H Banner

The Roxobel-Kelford club has been awarded an achievement banner for making the best 4-H club record in Bertie County, says R. D. Smith, assistant farm agent.

TWO TEAMS

A bit unusual, but nevertheless, true—Williamston will enter two teams in the Washington Invitation Tournament to be held there February 5th, 6th and 7th. The Martins and Eagles are representing this town in a tournament which lists six more of the best teams in this section of the State.

The management of the Martins has announced that Dave Fuller and Cecil Longest will both play in the tourney. Fuller coaches at Hertford High School, while Longest is a professor in the Elizabeth City schools.

Farmers Warned Not To Speculate

Washington—Vice President Henry A. Wallace has cautioned American farmers against being "tempted" into any kind of speculative production of agricultural products or land buying by price advances which might result from defense spending.

Farmers are faced instead, he said, by the necessity of making additional reductions in production of some crops, particularly those which normally find an outlet abroad, because the war "has damaged our agricultural export trade."

Furthermore, he added, present farm-aid programs may have to be overhauled to meet problems growing out of the war, the defense program and peace when it comes.

These views were expressed by Wallace in his final report as secretary of agriculture, a post he relinquished last September to campaign for the vice presidency.

Pointing out how the war has closed virtually all of Europe except Great Britain as a market for farm products, the report said farmers "will have to think anew about mak-

ing additional crop shifts." "This condition may last indefinitely," it added. "It sharply warns the American farmer to shift his production more nearly to a domestic basis, and he should heed the warning despite the fact that government commodity loans and the ever normal granary may soften the consequences of declining foreign trade."



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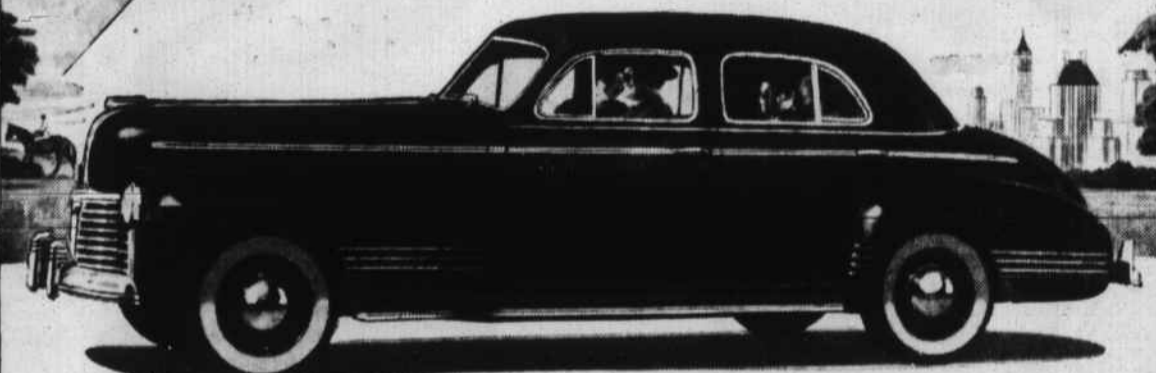
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