

# Manager Frank Rodgers Signs New Players for Martins

## Skipper Now Training With Richmond Colts

### Blocks Of Booster Tickets Placed On Sale Here Tuesday

### Manager To Report Here Next Week To Get Ready For Opening May 8

Making a short visit here this week, Manager Frank Rodgers after a conference with club president, Pete Fowden, announced that things were shaping up rapidly for the Martins and that he would be ready for the opener on May 8. Briefly stated, Manager Rodgers would offer little comment on the Martins' prospects in the Coastal Circuit this season.

"We hardly know what we have got and what we haven't got," he said, adding that he and the club president were making some progress in building up a promising team.

High spots in recent player contracts were reported by the skipper upon his arrival here this week. Clarence Tuckey, rookie measuring a mere six feet and six inches has been signed for the first base position. Rodgers admitted that he knew

### MEETING

Meeting in Tarboro this evening, Coastal Plain Baseball League directors will, in all probability, approve the transfer of Snow Hill's franchise to Rocky Mount. The sale was completed last Tuesday morning when representatives of the two towns met in President R. H. Goodmon's office here and signed the dotted lines.

The meeting tonight is also expected to reconsider team pairings, and will possibly consider adjusting the schedule to fit the new set-up.

little about him, but that he had been highly recommended and that he certainly looked good. Martin Matuza, a McKees Rock, Pa. lad was also added to the roster this week. He works in the infield.

The recent additions boost the number of players under contract to an even dozen, the club management announcing today that several other contracts were pending and that anxious eyes are focused on the Richmond Colts' training camp over in Greenville. Manager Rodgers is assisting in the camp at the present time, and will report here next Thursday to round out his roster and make ready for the opening game on Thursday, May 8.

At the present time the club has twelve men under contracts, as follows:

Frank Rodgers, skipper and center-fielder; Dick Cherry, Ted Miller, Hubert "Slim" Gardner, and Nathan Edmondson, pitchers; Clarence Tuckey, first; Milton Richmond, second; Bert Stotler and Felton Magee, short-

## Carolina . . . Bird - Lore

### Some Winter Sparrows, Useful Sparrows Which Are Almost Invariably Taken For English Sparrows . . .

When the leaves begin to take on their brilliant tints and the air begins to feel bracing and cool, then come the white-throats and the song sparrows. Probably the friendliest of the winter sparrows, they may be seen in town and country, garden and thicket. As winter turns into spring and the time of departure nears, the white-throat begins his spring molt—the townish and white stripes on the head change to distinct black and white. A most pleasing song is heard, but both the white-throat and the song leave before they approach either full song or plumage.

The white-throat is larger than the song, has an unstreaked ashy breast, a white throat and a striped head. These birds stay on or near the ground, often they can be heard scratching among the leaves in a thicket. It is here in large numbers, and it destroys some insects; and thousands of tons of weed seed.

The song sparrow has a heavily streaked breast, the streaks forming a large central spot. The tail is rather long and round, as the bird flies, it moves up and down.

The swamp sparrow is small than the song, tail shorter and less rounded, a dark sparrow with chestnut cap, sides of head and breast grayish, throat white. Frequents low grounds.

The Savannah sparrow is found over the State, but is commoner along the coast. It is smaller than the song, has a short, slightly notched tail, and streaked breast.

The Seaside is a dark olive-gray, sharp-tailed sparrow of the salt marshes, while the Vesper is distinguished by the white outer tail feathers.

The Field sparrow, a common bird of gardens and old fields, has a reddish upperpart, clear breast, pink bill, and strongly notched tail. It destroys the boll weevil and other insects as well as grass seed. The largest and handsomest of our sparrows is the Fox, which has a rufous coloration, brightest on the tail. It is found in lowlands, thickets, and dense woods throughout North Carolina.—N. C. Bird Club.

### Potato Growers Get Protection

A definite contribution toward the protection of North Carolina's commercial-early Irish potato industry has been made this year under a program of seed inspection to assure farmers that they are buying "certified and selected seed." N. P. McDuffie, seed potato inspector of the State Department of Agriculture's markets division said today.

Enforcing a State Board of Agriculture regulation requiring that seed potatoes sold in the State "must be labeled and meet the requirements of U. S. No. 1 grade," McDuffie has just completed an inspection tour of North Carolina and reports that "growers this year can be assured that the potatoes they plant as seed are of the best quality, generally, than at any time in the history of the State."

In addition to the labeling requirements, the regulations enforced provide that "certified seed" must meet the requirements of the State from which they were shipped and "selected seed" must conform to the guarantees of the shipper. Both selected and certified seed must meet U. S. No. 1 grade or better.

stop; Elwood Brown and James R. Gainer, catchers; Martin Matuza, utility.

The sale of booster tickets got underway this week, Club Treasurer Dick Smith stating that blocks of the bargain cards had been distributed, and that while few definite reports had been filed the outlook was encouraging. A special appeal is directed to everyone to support the club by purchasing one of the tickets. A successful sale will go a long way towards supporting the club, and at the same time effect a saving for the purchaser.

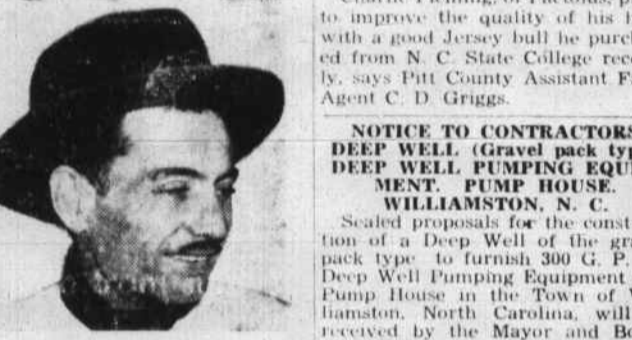
Contract terms have not yet been reached in several cases, but negotiations are still underway and it is expected that "Chuck" Taylor, outfielder, will return his paper with signature attached during the weekend. Negotiations are still being advanced for the sale of Lester Rock to a northwest club, but the deal has not yet been closed. Alfred Slakis, the hard-working "third" baseman from last year's team, has not returned his contract so far, and there is some doubt if he will return. "Red" Swain is working in a Pennsylvania mill, and it is not certain that he will consider returning to the mound for the Martins this season. Another seasoned prospect continues on the list as a replacement, but no action will be taken in his case just at this time.

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### Wildcat Veterans To Hold Reunion

Veterans of the historic 81st or Wildcat Division will hold a district reunion for the veterans from the North Carolina seaboard on Sunday, April 6th, in Washington, N. C.

The activities will get underway at 9:30 a. m. with registrations at the County Agriculture Building. A meeting will be held at 3 p. m., barbecue at 6 p. m., and open mass meeting at 7:30 p. m., at which time many prominent speakers will address the Vets.

Every veteran and his family is cordially invited.

A marriage license was issued last Tuesday to Ola L. Harrell, of Palmyra, and Dora Weathersbee, of Oak City.

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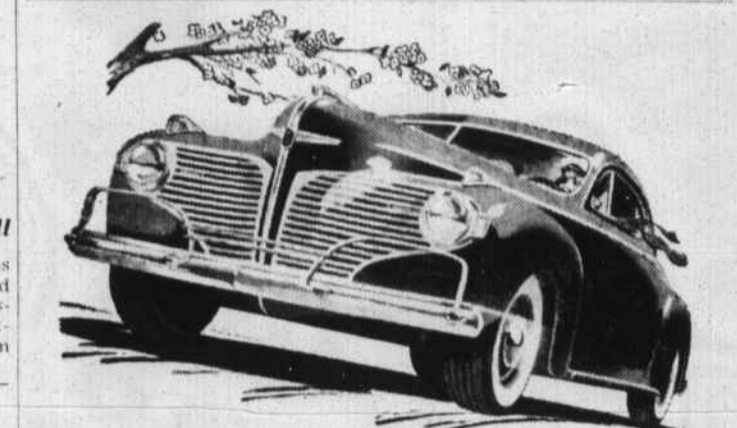
The Town reserves the right to hold the successful bid for a period not exceeding sixty days from the date of the opening thereof.

The Town reserves the right to reject any or all bids and to waive informalities.

By order of the Board of Aldermen:  
J. L. HASSELL, Mayor  
G. H. HARRISON, Clerk  
Engineer: Henry L. Rivers, Greenville, N. C.

**NOTICE OF SUMMONS AND WARRANT OF ATTACHMENT**  
North Carolina, Martin County. In The Superior Court.  
Salsbury Supply Co., Inc., vs. Starling Bell and Mildred Bell.

The defendant, Mildred Bell, above named, will take notice that a summons in the above entitled action was issued against said defendant on the 21st day of March, 1941, by L. B. Wynne, Clerk of the Superior Court of Martin County. That the plaintiff claims the sum of \$442.69, and interest of the same from the 1st day of October, 1939, due by note.



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