

Team Vanguard Will Start Moving Into Camp Next Week

Manager Rogers Now Lining Up His Roster

Les Rock Is Sold And Dick Cherry Traded To Wisconsin Team

Martins Will Open Training Camp on Home Grounds Week From Monday

Reporting here today, the Martins' skipper, Frank Rogers is now busily engaged in lining up his player roster and making ready for the season's opener here with Tarboro on May 8. The skipper has just completed a preliminary training period with the Richmond Colts, and while he is still a bit sore in the joints he declares he will be ready before the youngsters get the winter kinks out.

The team vanguard is expected to start moving in the latter part of next week, the skipper and President Pete Fowden both refusing to make any promises about prospects for the season. The two of them have been doing a bit of bush shaking, however, and it is generally expected that the Martins will have a hustling aggregation on the field this season. Apparently President Pete is more

than satisfied with his outfield prospects. He is fairly well satisfied with the pitcher's box, while strong as far as it goes, needs some more support. Work on the infield is still in progress, and it is possible that a few changes will follow. New recruits are also being called for mound duty. Manager Frank Rogers has released no dope in connection with player help from the Richmond Colts, but it is likely that he will be ready to fill at least four positions and more, if necessary, with "borrowed" men. The team personnel will hardly take on a complete appearance until the training season opens Monday week. The management is in Elizabeth City today looking over a prospect, and Ted Miller says he has scored a real find right over in Bertie. The new find is a second baseman, "and he is second to none at the bat," Miller declares. Big Ted is ready to go and is looking forward to a great season under Manager Rogers. Alfred Slakis, the hard-working youngster at second and third last season, returned his contract last week to round up the old player list with the exception of Red Swain. Harry is working up in Pennsylvania and doing right well and it is possible that he will not report

Easter Is Important As A Trade Factor

Easter's importance as a trade factor is emphasized in figures showing nation's department store sales for week ending March 29 were 34 per cent above same week of 1940. This follows five or six weeks in which the gains over same-week-last-year grew steadily smaller, and even turned into a two per cent drop for week ending March 22. Explanation is that the 34 per cent gain is for a week corresponding to the one that came after Easter in 1940. A more accurate line on the actual pace of retail business, however, is gained from the fact that, for the four-weeks period also ending March 29,

this season. The management has another good man waiting to take his place, however.

Lester Rock, last year's first baseman who is now playing in the Canal Zone, has been sold to Superior, Wisconsin, for \$350. President Fowden completing the deal by telephone last Tuesday evening. Dick Cherry has been traded to the same team for a first baseman who rates experience but who is not in the veteran class. "We hated to trade Dick, but a check-up on the contracts showed we had too many veterans, and someone had to go," President Fowden explained.

Opening their training camp on April 21, the Martins will appear as a team in a game against Durham here on Sunday, April 27, the season opening about ten days later.

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Work On Census Is Nearing Finish

Raleigh—North Carolina's annual farm census, with 70 per cent of required information already assembled, will be ready for distribution to farmers and other in June. W. T. Garrison, census supervisor of the State Department of Agriculture reports.

Approximately 1,035 farm census books are received yearly from tax supervisors who take agricultural in-

ventories from growers at the time they list their taxes; 750 complete books have been returned.

North Carolina is the only Southern state making an annual farm census survey. Information from the census is used by farmers, agricultural leaders, farm groups and others in planning farm programs and as guides in mapping other programs.

Visiting in Wake Forest
Mr. and Mrs. Edwin Holding are spending the week-end in Wake Forest with relatives.

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Green Wave Defeats Edenton 15 To 8 To Sweep 2-Game Series

Youths Will Complete Season In Scotland Neck Tuesday Afternoon

Williamston High's nine made a clean sweep of their two-game series with Edenton when they beat the Aces for the second time last Wednesday, 15-8. The contest had all the earmarks of a track meet right from the opening frame as the visitors began with three runs. The locals came back in their half of the first frame to take the lead with four tallies. Edenton tied the game up at 4-all in the third inning but the Green Wave broke the tie with a six-run rally.

The Aces threatened to catch the locals in the fourth but Sullivan came to the rescue of Clifton Ward on the mound to stop the rally at the count of four. The Williamston lads raced on to clinch the meet by sending three around the bags in the fifth and two more in the sixth.

The feature hitting of the game came in the third frame when Haywood Wynne slammed a long drive against the right field barrier; Sullivan put one a little short of the fence in the same inning that was good for three bases. The Green Wave led at the stick department with 13 clean hits—three of which were doubles and two triples. The feature on defensive-play came at the close of the game when S. C. Griffin raced in from deep center field to snag a Texas leaguer and complete a double play by throwing out the runner on second that ended the game.

The Green Wave has come through in great style in the past three games with victories to make a .667 average by stacking up four victories against two earlier defeats. Wednesday's winning pitcher was Clifton Ward. Garland Wynne was benched for the game after suffering a chill earlier in the day. Garland had beaten the Aces in Edenton and was expected to be on hand for relief hurling if necessary.

The locals close out their home game schedule by meeting Robertsonville here this afternoon. They will close their season at Scotland Neck next Tuesday.

The box score:

Williamston	Ab	R	H
C. Ward, p-lf	2	2	2
Sullivan, lf-p	4	1	1
J. Ward, lb	5	2	3
Wynne, c	3	2	2
Cherry, 2b	3	2	2
Jones, ss	3	0	0
Peel, rf	3	2	2
Godwin, 3b	2	3	1
Griffin, cf	2	1	0
	27	15	13
Edenton	Ab	R	H
Byrum, cf	2	1	0
Byrum, ss	3	1	0
Smithson, 3b	4	2	2
White, lb	3	2	2
Ashley, p	3	1	2
Goodwin, lf	2	0	1
Godwin, c	3	0	0
Hurdle, rf	4	0	2
Hassell, 2b	1	1	0
	25	8	9

4-H Club Members Aid In National Defense Program

Harnett County 4-H Club members are being urged to aid in the National Defense program by growing home gardens, says J. B. Gourlay, assistant farm agent of the N. C. State College Extension Service.

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