

Local Softball League Battles To Get Underway Wednesday

Present Plans Call For Twin Bill Every Wednesday Afternoon

The City Softball League, reorganizing after losing much of its talent to the armed forces, will play its first games on Wednesday, July 8th, with a doubleheader beginning at 4 o'clock.

Lacking a sufficient number of players to continue as a church league, the loop this year will be composed of four well-matched teams chosen by league officials. The lists of players and the teams with which they will be affiliated will be posted in the window of The Enterprise by today or tomorrow.

Present plans call for a doubleheader every Wednesday afternoon, with possibly two single games per week to be played at twilight, around 7:00 o'clock. This would give each team a minimum of two games a week.

Final plans as to the schedule, the names of the clubs, and other details will be presented or popular approval when the teams meet for the first time on Wednesday. Inasmuch as the league will be operating under the handicap of limited manpower this year, it is imperative that each of the fifty or sixty players who has signed up with Secretary Dillon Cobb be present for the opening games, for the first meeting will largely decide the fate of this popular summer recreation.

Softball is a comparatively new sport in Williamston, but since its introduction four years ago it has grown in player-participation and particularly in spectator interest. The first organized league, featuring the Independents, Vagabonds and the VEPCO Hotshots, produced some high-scoring marathons, and while the Church League produced some run-aways, the brand of play improved greatly in such a short time. The cellarite Episcopalians, winners of only two games in 15 during the regular season, surprised everyone by winning the play-offs the first year, but predictions ran truer to form last season when the Christians' fine club defeated the Episcopalians in the finals.

Now that Williamston is without baseball for the first time in years, softball has a bigger than ever opportunity to provide an inexpensive and wholesome recreation for people who can make their contribution to the war effort by amusing themselves without using tires and gasoline. A full turn-out of players on July 8th will insure the league's existence, so everyone is urged to be present.

Eyewitness Account Of Nazi's Drive Into "Land Of Pharaohs"

Imperial Army Sought To Meet Axis but Fighting Was Delaying Action

Witnessing the fall of Matruh, Richard D. McMillan, newspaper correspondent, describes in the following story the German drive into Egypt last Sunday:

Marshal Rommel sent his tanks and 88-mm. guns weaving across the desert like a boxer seeking a weak spot to by-pass Mersa Matruh with the obvious aim of cutting it off and swinging back to invest it, exactly as he had done at Tobruk.

The Imperial Army, fighting with screens of armored cars, sought to meet every Axis feint, but at best its operations appeared to be mainly of a delaying nature in a bid for time.

The fighting has been fairly tough for the last 24 hours, and now the battle is on again, as grim as ever. The enemy pushed through a gap which engineers had made in the mine fields south of Charing Cross, a scant half dozen miles southwest of Mersa Matruh, and fanned out eastward along the plateau of the lower escarpment, seeking to cut the coastal road and isolate the British base anchoring the north end of the desert line.

The main column aimed at a point about 15 miles east of Mersa Matruh, but it ran into stiff opposition while Imperial tanks impeded the slow progress of the Axis armored forces by attacks from the south, driving them down a gulch.

I saw a British regiment with anti-tank guns go into action against the enemy's left flank about 15 miles south-southwest of Mersa Matruh. As usual, Rommel had sent up self-propelled 88-mm. cannon on which he appears to rely even more than on tanks. Accurate fire of the Imperial 25-pounders made the enemy hesitate, the column swung back, and then headed due north toward Mersa Matruh.

The first phase of the new battle was fought in stony patches of flat ground atop the first escarpment. The plateau was a swirl of dust as cannon shells plowed into the blistering limestone and earth.

By 11 a. m. Saturday, Allied bombers were over the target area, and a huge curtain of smoke engulfed the desert. Transport and guns scurried like ants over tracks six inches deep in dust and joined the fight.

U. S. Servicemen Are Highest Paid Of All Fighters

With the voting of \$50 base pay for servicemen, privates in Uncle Sam's army are now richer than many a common civilian. Gone is the argument that the young man who enters the armed forces is making an undue financial sacrifice.

It is believed that another bill to give cash benefits to the dependents of those in the service will likely go through Congress. This would provide \$28 for the wife of a man in the service. Added would be \$22 from the soldier's pay, making \$50 for the dependent, and at the same time leaving \$28 for the use of the man in the service, an increase of \$7 over the old \$21-a-month base pay. It is improbable that the machinery for making the payments to dependents will be set up and functioning before November.

Undoubtedly the United States soldier is the best treated and highest paid serviceman the world has ever known. His food is of the finest quality, most of his recreational needs are taken care of at government expense, his equipment is rapidly becoming second to none, and his spiritual needs are ministered to by an army of chaplains.

Even before the pay boost, it was evident that most of the serious condemnation of the treatment and wages of servicemen came from outside sources. The advent of the USO has taken care of recreational needs. The nationwide drive for books has delivered to cantonnments large amounts of serious and frivolous reading matter. Soldiers, sailors and marines now are welcome visitors in hundreds of thousands of homes throughout the land.

Two things, however, that hurt soldier morale more than anything else in the early days of the citizen army are now remedied. First, the United States boy in the service now has a definite cause. He knows that what he is doing is not for some hazy future use but for immediate fighting. Second, the training courses with the finest modern military equipment, are now at a point where the trainee is always hard at work doing something both constructive and interesting. He has little time to sit in idleness, worrying about how to spend his spare time.

Actually the pay boost probably

All day Saturday sporadic struggles continued under a coppery sun. While Imperial armored units strove to anticipate Axis feints, infantry struggled to cover the roads.

A young British major broke the news that the Germans had reached Garawla, a strategic point southeast of Mersa Matruh where the railway advanced from south of Sidi Barrani joins the coastal main line from Mersa Matruh to Alexandria.

They Fought For Freedom



Nazis in occupied France called these five Frenchmen saboteurs; their own people call them patriots. They are pictured as they waited for a firing squad to do its work. One of the accused men lifts his hands in a plea of innocence. The others, though they kneel, show no terror to their captors. Defiance is their only emotion as they await death. (Central Press)

Keeping in the Mood

By MISS KATHERINE MANNING

The best yet is to see some of our local talent selling cooks a week-end ensemble from the rummage sale collection. To watch Miss "X" grab a handful of her mother's size 40 and vow that it makes her victim look like a pretty drawing is downright intriguing.

And did you notice all those bodies in town last week-end?

gives the average serviceman more money for his own personal use than he ever has had in his life. The \$50 represents clear profit, with the exception of the cost of a few personal items and laundry. Undoubtedly, a great deal of the extra pay will be invested in War Bonds, judging from the early responses to a campaign furthering their sale among soldiers, sailors and marines.

It must not be forgotten that the serviceman has a personal stake in victory as large as that of any citizen. His realization of this fact is being shown on battlefronts throughout the world.

Why it looked as though people had turned out for a State Fair. But home or elsewhere... traffic jams aren't rubber and gas saving devices, are they?

And speaking of devices—have you heard about Mr. J. C. Eubanks' latest? If they are all as rare as that gadget, bring 'em on.

But the final jolt came when we spied a shabby old dog play-in' nurse maid to a local "Ham-bone." The young darkie in question had fully reached his majority... the ripe old age of three... And when we saw him squattin' in a wash tub with suds droolin' outta his mouth and ears, he was shrieking like a siren. But his yell wasn't one of fear... on the contrary. During his bath he had hurled his wash cloth miles from the tin tub; so the dog (uninvited though he was) had decided to lick the chap clean... BUT IT EVIDENTLY TICKLED!

But news that would far surpass any current events has honored our fair city. It's not national; nobody has shot anyone; Ethel Wynne has again turned down her insurance agent; and people are still being unpatriotic; but things will happen in spite of that... the event... Mrs. C. G. Crockett's chrysanthemums busted into bloom at 6:00 a. m. today.

And so we come to the end of this stinking column... Which all reminds me, have a good time this week-end.

NOTICE OF SALE

North Carolina, Martin County.

As provided for in Section 2688 of the Consolidated Statutes of North Carolina, notice is hereby given that the Town of Williamston will offer for sale at public auction to the highest bidder for cash at the Courthouse door in the Town of Williamston on Monday, July 27, 1942, the following described tracts of land in the Town of Williamston, to-wit:

Lot No. 1: Being Lot No. 16 in the Moore Field, adjoining Amy Purvis on the West fronting North Street 78.8 and running back to two parallel lines South 41-45 feet East to the

depth of 130 feet, being the same land purchased from Williamston Land and Improvement Company by George Rice and Jane Rice of record

in Book E-1, page 112 of the Martin County Public Registry.

Lot No. 2: Beginning 73 feet from Broad Street on a street at the corner of Lot No. 1, in Block B in the Moore Field plot, thence Eastwardly along the line of Lots 1 and 2 about 130 feet to Lot No. 4, thence Southwardly along Lot No. 4 to Jane Rice's back corner, thence along Jane Rice's corner about 130 feet to a street, thence along said street to the beginning, and being the same land purchased of H. M. Burras by George and Jane Rice.

Lot No. 3: Beginning at the corner of Pine and North Streets in the Williamston Land and Improvement Company, Moore Field running North 42 degrees East 72.8 feet to Augustus Purvis' corner, thence along his line South 41 3-4 degrees East 130 feet, thence South 42 degrees West 72.8 feet to Pine Street, thence North 41 3-4 degrees West along Pine Street to the beginning and being Lot No. 19 and being same land purchased from Williamston Land and Improvement Company on the 24th of October, 1904, and recorded in Book MMM, page 225, and also being the same land deeded to Clarence W. Griffin by B. A. Critcher, Trustee, on August 9th, 1941, of record in Book C-4 at page 121.

This is the 29th day of June, 1942.

TOWN OF WILLIAMSTON,
By J. L. Hassell, Mayor.
R. L. Coburn, Atty.

Special July 4th REDUCTIONS

25 Per Cent Off

ON ALL STRAW HATS

Also Liberal Reductions On

ALL WHITE SHOES

Be Sure and See Our Large Assortment of

PRINT DRESSES

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Martin Supply Co.

Summary Of Uniform Annual Budget Estimate Of Martin County, North Carolina

For the Fiscal Year Beginning July 1, 1942, And Ending June 30, 1943.

Published in Compliance with Requirement of the "County Fiscal Control Act"—Sec. 7, Ch. 146, P. L., 1927.

FUND	COLUMN 1	COLUMN 2	COLUMN 3	COLUMN 4	COLUMN 5	COLUMN 6	COLUMN 7	COLUMN 8
	Total Budget Requirements	Estimate of Revenue To Be Available Other Than Tax Levy	(Col. 1, less Col. 2) Tax Levy to Balance Budget	Estimate of Uncollectible Taxes, Commissions on Collections & Tax Payers' Discount	(Col. 3, plus Col. 4) Total Amount of Tax Levy	Estimate of Property Valuation	Estimate of Tax Rate on \$100 Valuation	Tax Rate of Last Preceding Levy
County General Fund	\$ 55,724.00	\$15,175.00	\$ 10,549.00	\$ 527.00	\$ 11,076.00	\$14,000,000	.08	.115
Poor Fund	21,300.00	1,675.00	19,625.00	980.00	20,605.00	14,000,000	.1475	.14
Health Fund	7,790.00		7,790.00	390.00	8,180.00	14,000,000	.06	.065
County Debt Service Fund	55,740.00	1,650.00	54,090.00	2,700.00	56,790.00	14,000,000	.41	.40
SOCIAL SECURITY:								
Old Age Assistance Fund	6,900.00		6,900.00	345.00	7,245.00	14,000,000	.0525	.05
Aid To Dependent Children Fund	3,420.00		3,420.00	171.00	3,591.00	14,000,000	.025	.03
Administration	5,075.00	3,740.00	1,335.00	66.00	1,401.00	14,000,000	.01	.01
EIGHT MONTHS SCHOOL TERM:								
Current Expense Fund	37,778.00	21,550.00	16,228.00	811.00	17,039.00	14,000,000	.1225	.085
Capital Outlay Fund	7,850.00		7,850.00	392.00	8,242.00	14,000,000	.0575	.095
Debt Service Fund	44,500.00		44,500.00	2,250.00	46,750.00	14,000,000	.335	.36
TOTALS	\$246,077.00	\$73,790.00	\$172,287.00	\$8,632.00	\$180,919.00	\$14,000,000	1.30	1.35

INDEBTEDNESS OF COUNTY:	1941	Added During Yr.	Reduced 1941-42	Total 1942
General County Bonds	\$503,000		\$19,000	\$484,000
County School Bonds	210,000		34,000	176,000
State Loans to Schools	56,150	\$5,000	13,400	47,750
TOTALS	\$769,150	\$5,000	\$66,400	\$707,750

I hereby certify the foregoing to be a true statement of the budget estimates for the various funds and activities of Martin County for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1943, as tentatively approved by the Board of County Commissioners June 29, 1942.

This July 2, 1942.

J. SAM GETSINGER, County Accountant