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## MARTINS START LAST WEEK WITH HALF GAME LEAD

### Three Teams In Race For Ownership of Second Half In League

Williamston opens the last week in the second half of play in the Albemarle Baseball League in Edenton this afternoon, leading Ahoskie, by only a one-half game margin. The second-half championship will be vigorously sought after during this week by Williamston, Elizabeth City, and Ahoskie, with the edge favoring the locals. If Williamston loses one game and Ahoskie wins all of hers, there will be a tie. If Williamston wins the second-half title, the first game of the "Little World Series" will probably be played here next Monday or Tuesday. Speculation is a bit too previous just now, and definite announcements will be in order later on. Williamston has six games carded for this week, five of them to be played on the home lot. All of them figure in the league race except a game with Tarboro here Thursday morning.

The Martins are playing the Colonials in Edenton this afternoon. Tomorrow Edenton comes here for two games, one in the morning at 10:30 and the second in the afternoon at 4 o'clock. Thursday morning, Tarboro plays a return game on the grounds here at 10:30 o'clock. That afternoon Colerain is scheduled to play here at 4 o'clock. The last game on the schedule is slated to be played here Friday afternoon at 4 o'clock. This game was originally scheduled at Colerain, but the managers agreed to play it here on account of an expected increase in attendance.

Thursday afternoon will be ladies' day, all ladies being admitted free.

## LOCALS LOSE TO AHOSKIE FRIDAY, WIN AT TARBORO

### Marshall Holds Martins To Six Hits To Feature Win For Ahoskie Friday

The Martins completed last week with three victories and one defeat, losing to Ahoskie last Friday by a 4 to 3 count. After losing to Williamston by a 6 to 0 score here the day before, Ahoskie turned the tables on Friday. Marshall allowed only six hits, but two were for four bases. Herring got two hits, one of them a homer scoring Earp ahead of him in the first inning. Latham got a single in the first and Taylor hit for an extra base in the second, but no more scoring was recorded until the seventh, when Latham got his second hit, a homer with none on. Uzzle made the sixth and last hit for the Martins.

Cherry, pitching the first four and a third innings for the Martins, allowed eight hits, three of them doubles in the fifth before a man was out. Kugler relieved Cherry in the fifth with one out and allowed only three hits and one run during the remainder of the game. Cherry fanned three and Kugler struck out four men.

The Martins wandered away from home last Sunday and registered a 3 to 1 win over Tarboro's independent nine. Herring pitched a good game for the locals, allowing six hits. Lloyd on the mound for Tarboro, held the Martins to four hits, two of them coming in the third inning, when three runs were made. Earp singled and stole second, scoring on Goodmon's double. Latham struck out and Brake was safe at first on an error. He later stole second and scored on a second error. Tarboro scored its lone tally in the first inning. In the sixth, Tarboro filled the bases on a couple of errors and a walk and then Herring struck out two men and forced the third to ground out weakly to third. Tarboro plays the return game here Thursday morning.

## Minister Praises Picture At Watts Theatre Today

Rev. E. F. Moseley, rector of the local Episcopal church, after seeing "What Price Innocence" at the Watts theatre here last night, today made the following statement: "The best way to get good pictures is for the public to patronize good pictures and refuse to patronize the bad ones. The picture now showing, 'What Price Innocence' is the kind that the church ought to heartily recommend. It preaches a very important lesson in a powerful way. The producers have been scrupulous to present a delicate subject in a manner that is morally sound. Young people and parents of young people, especially, should see this picture."

The last showing of "What Price Innocence" will be made tonight.

## NRA Meeting To Be Held In Court House Tonight

The first public meeting to be held here in connection with the NRA movement is scheduled for 8 o'clock this evening in the court house. The meeting is being called by Postmaster L. T. Fowden, and all business houses and firms are expected to have representatives there.

While the business of the meeting will center around the appointment of a local committee, the NRA movement as it applies to

local business, will be discussed, it is understood. Mr. Fowden also said that other business of vital importance to the town and community will likely be discussed and every one is urged to be present.

Much significance is attached to the committee, and Mr. Fowden is very desirous to have all the people attend the meeting and take part in the selection of the committee. The meeting will last only a short while.

## REPORTS AS TO TOBACCO PRICE GOOD AND BAD

### Border Market Prices Said To Have Dropped Thursday and Friday

Reports received from the South Carolina and border markets following the close of the second week of sales were considered more encouraging by farmers of this section. One report stated that farmers there appeared very well satisfied with the prices paid during the second week, when prices increased over those for the first week, particularly those paid for the better grades. The general average for the week was reported around 14 cents a pound.

Little has been heard from Georgia during the past few days. The season ends there this week, reports stating that the crop there was considerably larger than the one last year. Tobacco buyers and other tobacco interests are expected to leave the markets there the latter part of this week and be on hand for the opening in this belt next Tuesday.

Reports coming later from private sources stated there was a very noticeable decrease in tobacco prices last Thursday and Friday, the average dropping from 14 to 11 or 12 cents a pound. No reason for the decrease was given.

## BURIAL GROUPS POSTING BONDS

### Two Associations In This County Will Continue Operations as Usual

Poor folks in the Martin County section will continue to be buried without their surviving relatives having to mortgage the old homestead to pay for funeral expenses. Messrs. B. S. Courtney and S. Rome Biggs, of the Roanoke and Martin County Burial Associations, respectively, today announced that they had furnished the \$5,000 security bond required by the state of North Carolina for burial associations and will continue their organizations as in the past few years.

The funeral associations have been a great help to the average run of people since they were conceived several months ago. By cooperation, little hardship in the way of cash outlay is worked upon a family faced with funeral expenses.

Under the old system as practiced by the Roanoke and Martin County associations, a member pays 25 cents when he joins. Then at the time of a member's death, each of the surviving members pays an average of 15 cents. Under the new law, each member is charged 25 cents to join but the assessments are made according to the age of the members. The following schedule will apply to the new members: Ages 1 to 9, 5 cents; 10 to 29 years, 10c; 30 to 49 years 20c; and 50 to 65 years, 30c. However, all old members will pay according to the old contract, which required an assessment of 15 cents at the death of each member. According to the new law, a member's contract or policy lapses if assessments are not paid promptly, and the local associations say this will be complied with to the fullest extent, as they expect to protect the members that pay promptly.

## Club Members To Attend Field Meet At Everetts

The annual field day will be held at the Baptist church in Everetts on Thursday afternoon, beginning at 2 p. m., it was announced today by Miss Lora E. Sleeper, home agent. The Everetts home demonstration club will have charge of the entertainment this year. A short business program will precede the other activities. This field day will also be achievement day for the home management project in the county. The clubs will have charge of the program, and posters, playlets, and pantomimes showing the various subjects covered during the two years in the project will be the afternoon program. A picnic supper will conclude the program.

## CLUB STANDINGS

Team	W	L	Pct.
Williamston	12	7	.632
Ahoskie	12	8	.600
Elizabeth City	11	8	.579
Edenton	8	9	.471
Windsor	7	11	.389
Colerain	6	13	.316

## WHERE THEY PLAY

**TUESDAY, AUGUST 22**  
Williamston at Edenton.  
Ahoskie at Windsor.  
Colerain at Elizabeth City.

**WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 23**  
Edenton at Williamston: Morning game at 10:30; afternoon, 4:00.  
Windsor at Ahoskie.  
Elizabeth City at Colerain.

**THURSDAY, AUGUST 24**  
Colerain at Williamston.  
Ahoskie at Elizabeth City.  
Windsor at Edenton.

**FRIDAY, AUGUST 25**  
Williamston at Colerain.  
Edenton at Windsor.  
Elizabeth City at Ahoskie.

## COTTON TRADE IS WORRIED BY PROCESS TAX

### Prices Revised Upward To Meet Higher Costs of The N. R. A. Code

New York.—The movement of cotton goods on past orders continues large although mill contracts are now beginning to run out more rapidly. Production has ceased to gain, and in several instances it is contracting because of the lack of new business.

The disposition of manufacturers is not to accumulate goods in advance of orders while present high prices prevail. The trade is highly exercised by the imposition of processor and floor taxes. Print cloth manufacturers have appointed a committee to see government authorities and ask for a revision of these taxes.

The association of cotton textile merchants has asked for a public hearing on the whole subject. Most of the complicated calculations that manufacturers and merchants have been at work on for two or three weeks for the purpose of computing new prices based upon very much higher costs are now about completed, and agents and mills are awaiting new orders. Buyers are not disposed to go ahead very freely and most of the business in first hands in the gray goods division has consisted of the selling of goods held in second hands. Print cloth manufacturers have asked their agents to refrain from selling for the next 10 days until it is known whether there is any means of postponing the taxes imposed under the agricultural act to compensate farmers for destroying of part of the cotton crop. Finished cottons are moving in fair volume with most of the immediate business being booked for prompt delivery. Prices on finished goods have been revised upward to meet the higher costs of the NRA and the agricultural act.

## HARVEST SEASON IS ABOUT OVER

### Many Farmers Are Already Through Curing Their 1933 Tobacco Crops

The tobacco harvesting season will be ended with a few exceptions here and there in this county next week, many farmers having already finished the work. Many farmers are now busy preparing the golden weed for the market opening next Tuesday. Grading and wrapping for market will be under way until Christmas time and a short while thereafter, the farmers taking time out to harvest their peanuts and pick cotton.

Farmers generally report very high quality tobacco crops in this section, and have their hearts set on a 15-cent price average or better.

## HOLD CLASSES FOR MIDWIVES IN THIS COUNTY

### Miss Celone Hobbs, State Health Nurse, to Instruct Thirty-five Midwives

An organized effort to better the deplorable conditions surrounding the births of many babies in Martin County will be made next week when Miss Celone Hobbs, state health nurse, conducts a series of classes for the 35 or more midwives in this county. The State Board of Health, through the division of maternity and infancy, headed by Dr. George M. Cooper, and the Martin County Board of Health have, with the assistance of Miss Hobbs, arranged the classes in Martin County as a part of an intensive campaign throughout the State to improve conditions surrounding the birth of nearly one-third of the babies born.

The unusually high death rate among new-born babies in this county bears out the importance of these classes, and every one practicing midwifery in the county is urged to attend the classes. Miss Hobbs and Dr. J. H. Saunders, county health physician, will have charge of the meetings, scheduled as follows:

Hamilton: Monday, August 28, 9:30 a. m., in white school building.  
Robersonville: Monday, August 28, 1:30 p. m., in colored school building.  
Jamesville: Tuesday, August 29, 9:30 a. m., in white school building.  
Williamston: Wednesday, August 30, 9:30 a. m., in courthouse.

All county physicians are invited to attend a meeting and take part in the program. Registrars are asked to attend one of the meetings and instruct the midwives in properly making out birth certificates.

Realizing that there was an increase of 3 per cent last year in the number of cases attended by midwives, the State Board of Health is attempting to improve the practice of midwifery. Miss Hobbs said this week that the meetings are not scheduled to find fault with the midwives, but were arranged in an effort to enable them to do better and safer work for the mothers and babies they attend. They will be told what to do and what not to do in improving themselves and their work.

One feature of the classes is a demonstration of a minimum equipment to deliver a mother. Midwives will be shown a model bag containing all the little articles so necessary to carry on midwife work properly.

Each midwife whose work is approved by Miss Hobbs will have her letter of registration renewed for another year at the meeting. Those certificates will be issued through the county health department to properly equipped midwives.

The number of mothers delivered by midwives in 1932 increased by 30 per cent over the census of 1931. This increase was evidently an effect of the depression.

The ideal arrangement for every woman, at such a time, would be the services of a competent physician and a good trained nurse or to a good hospital. This being out of the question for a large number of people, it is the duty of the county boards of health in every county, the medical profession, and civic organizations, especially women's organizations, to help with this important work.

In the last session of the legislature, the House of Representatives killed a measure which would have given the State Board of Health the power to regulate the practice of midwifery. County health departments are cooperating as best they can to aid the state organization in its effort to help the service and thus cut down the high infant and maternal death rates in this state, according to Miss Hobbs.

## County Club Members Are Eligible for State Awards

### By Miss Lora E. Sleeper

Four home demonstration clubs having the highest average attendance at meetings for the last six months are Williams Chapel, Macedonia, Jamesville, and Poplar Chapel. Nine home demonstration club members reporting from seven clubs have had blanks go into Raleigh to determine their eligibility for receiving the prized awards of merit received by all club members who do outstanding work in any one project for a period of two years.

## Skewarkee Masons Will Meet Here at 8 Tonight

The regular meeting of Skewarkee Lodge, No. 90, A. F. and A. M., will be held tonight at the lodge hall at 8 o'clock. Work in the second degree. All members are urged to attend and visiting Masons are invited.

## Personnel of School Faculty Here Next Term Announced

### Locals Still Batting .280; Few Changes in Standing

The Williamston club's batting average maintained its status quo in the past two weeks, despite many changes in the individual standings. The leaders, as a group, lost a few points, while some of those down towards the bottom of the list made some healthy gains. The team average is exactly the same as it was two weeks ago, .280.

Starting the final week of play, Troy Goodmon is still setting the pace with a mark of .361, against .417 two weeks ago; Brake dropped from .370 to .350, but is still in second place. Uzzle boosted his mark from .317 to .320; and Gaylord, in fourth place, climbed from .301 to .307. Bill Herring, who still pitches some on occasion, but plays regularly in the field, had the healthiest increase of anybody on the team, raising his mark from .258 to .273, and climbing ahead of Earp, who continues to slide, dropping from .276 to .268. Latham also hit above .300 in the past two weeks, boosting his average from .238 to .256 for the season, and occupying seventh place. Cherry improved his standing slightly, raising his season mark from .222 to .233. Red Proctor, pitcher, dropped from .375 to .200 for the six games he has participated in. "Doc" Kugler is up from .108 to .114 to bring up the bottom of the list. Following is the table of facts and figures:

Player & Position	G	AB	R	H	2B	3B	HR	TB	SH	Pct.
Goodmon, 2b	20	83	20	30	8	0	0	38	2	.361
Brake, cf	44	186	33	65	18	4	2	97	3	.350
Uzzle, 3b	42	172	18	55	12	3	2	79	3	.320
Gaylord, lf	44	189	46	58	15	2	1	80	5	.307
Herring, p-cf	39	128	25	35	8	5	2	59	1	.273
Earp, ss	44	194	43	52	6	6	1	73	3	.268
Latham, c	44	176	31	45	15	4	1	71	3	.268
Taylor, lb	44	164	14	40	8	1	0	50	3	.244
Cherry, p	24	60	6	14	1	0	0	15	0	.233
Proctor, p	6	15	0	3	0	0	0	3	0	.200
Kugler, p	23	44	4	5	1	0	0	6	3	.114
Others	—	188	20	47	9	4	1	67	5	.250
Totals	44	1599	260	449	101	29	10	638	31	.280

## AUTO CRASHES FATAL TO 67 IN STATE IN JULY

### More Than 400 Others Are Injured in 267 Crashes During the Period

Raleigh.—Automobile accidents killed 67 people and injured 403 in 267 crashes involving 405 cars in July, according to figures released today by Director L. S. Harris, of the motor vehicle bureau of the department of revenue. This total of the killed in July is seven less than the number killed in June, when 74 were fatally injured in automobile accidents. But the number of injured is larger, with 403 hurt in July as compared with 370 in June. There were also more accidents in July.

The casualty list for the first seven months of 1933 stands at 412 killed, 2,432 injured in 1,716 accidents, with the addition of the July figures. This total shows a larger number killed than in the same period in 1932, when 334 were killed and 2,548 were injured in 1,770 accidents. The number of persons injured and the number of accidents are less than a year ago, however, the figures show. The increase in the number of fatal accidents, despite a decrease in the total number of accidents, is attributed by Director Harris to the greater speed of most of the automobiles now and to faster driving by the public.

"The automobiles now being built run faster and people drive them faster than formerly, with the result that when two cars hit each other or run into a fixed object, occupants are killed more frequently than was the case a year or two ago," Harris said. "As is usually the case, most of the accidents are traceable to reckless driving, speeding, and a general disregard of the law."

## Baby Market Reported In Tulsa, Oklahoma, Recently

Tulsa, Okla.—Evidence that babies born out of wedlock have been sold here for adoption was revealed recently by Mrs. Mabel Basset, state commissioner of charities and corrections.

Mrs. Basset asserted she had obtained statements signed by three physicians after the "baby market" was accidentally uncovered by Miss Helen Schaeffer, director of the local children's service bureau.

At least four babies have been "sold" recently, Mrs. Basset said, for sum ranging from \$70 to \$100, the physicians allegedly taking the money as "costs of hospitalization."

Deploring the fact that Oklahoma has no law under which such cases can be prosecuted, Mrs. Basset declared she had redrafted a measure which she has sought ineffectually for several years to have passed by the state legislature. She said she would reintroduce it at the next session.

## HUNT SEASONS TO OPEN SOON

### Deer Season Open In This County Friday Of Next Week

The hunting season in this section will be under way Friday of next week when it will be lawful to take deer in accordance with certain regulations. While a few sportsmen will roam the woods in search of deer, hunting will hardly get started in a big way before the 15th of next month, when the squirrel season opens.

In announcing the open seasons for various game recently, the schedule for the entire section was given, Game Warden J. W. Hines pointed out yesterday that there were certain exceptions for this and a few other counties.

It will be lawful to hunt deer from September 1 to January 1 in this county. The squirrel season opens September 15 and closes February 1. In a majority of other counties the squirrel season does not open until October 1. It is lawful to take raccoons on and after October 1 in this county.

## BOLL WEEVIL IS DAMAGING CROP

### Rains Have Been Favorable for Spread of Cotton Boll Weevil

While the tobacco crop and the opening of the markets next Tuesday are the main topics of conversation in this section right now, a few farmers are concerned over their cotton crops. According to reports received here, a heavy boll weevil infestation is expected, some farmer stating that the pest has already done considerable damage to their crops. Recent rains have been conducive to the propagation of the weevil.

Martin farmers have been very busy with their tobacco, and they haven't given much attention to their cotton, making an accurate report on boll weevil activities impossible.

Over in Wayne County reports state that the weevil is doing a vast damage to the crop there. Edgecombe reports a heavy infestation.

The first bale of the new crop grown in this section was sold in Tarboro last Saturday for 12-1/2 cents, the market price being slightly under 10 cents a pound.

## Merchants Group To Hold Meeting Here Thursday

An important meeting of the local merchants' association has been scheduled for Thursday night of this week in the American Legion Hall over the Williamston Cafe. Several matters of vital interest will be discussed and every merchant and other business man is urged to attend the meeting. Frank J. Margolis, president of the organization, is calling the meeting.

## THREE CHANGES HAVE BEEN MADE FROM LAST YEAR

### Arrangements for Opening School September 18 About Completed

Preparations for opening the public schools here the 18th of this month are now about complete, Principal D. N. Hix said yesterday in announcing the faculty for the coming term. Final appointments were made at a recent meeting of the local committee, composed of Messrs. R. L. Coburn, chairman; Roger Critcher, and W. Joe Taylor.

Only three changes were made in the list of teachers, the board filling the positions made vacant by the resignations of Professor William R. Watson, last year principal, Professor E. G. Green, and Mrs. Herbert Taylor.

The school, although expecting an increase in enrollment this coming term, will have the same number of teachers it had last year. A large portion of the old Macedonia district children will attend school here this year. Many of those studying in the higher grades have been attending here during the past year or two, and no marked increase in pupils is expected as a result of the consolidation of that school with the one here.

The faculty appointments are as follows:

First grade, Mrs. Harrell Everett and Miss Josephine Harrison, both of Williamston.

Second grade, Miss Mary Benson, of Benson; and Miss Estelle Crawford, of Williamston.

Third grade, Miss Bessie Harrell, of Aulander; and Miss Ruth Manning, of Williamston.

Fourth grade, Mrs. Leman Barnhill and Miss Velma Harrison, both of Williamston.

Fifth grade, Mrs. D. M. Roberson, of Williamston, and Miss Lucille Allen, of Clayton.

Sixth grade, Mrs. W. K. Parker and Miss Martha Anderson, both of Williamston.

Seventh grade, Mrs. C. B. Hassell and Mrs. A. R. White, both of Williamston.

High school, Miss Ora Finch, of Bailey; Miss Esther Gatling, of Windsor; Miss Annie Shields VanDyke, of Greenville; Miss Bessie Willis, of New Bern; Mr. James E. Peters, of Leaksville; and Mr. D. N. Hix, principal, of Williamston.

The new principal is well known to the people of this section, having served as principal in the Everetts school during the past several years. He is a graduate of Duke University. During the past two or three summers he has studied at that institution applying for a master's degree.

Miss Harrison, the new first-grade teacher, studied at East Carolina Teachers' College and had a very successful year as a member of the Oak City faculty last term.

Mr. Peters, recently graduated at Wake Forest, comes here highly recommended for his work as instructor in mathematics and science and also as a coach of athletics. He was a member of the student council at Wake Forest and was very active in the various phases of college life.

## Jailed Negro Says 'Oughter Be War In Dis Country'

Wiley Perkins, colored, was jailed here yesterday afternoon for the alleged theft of Roddy Everett's velocipede. And was Perkins mad? He fumed at the mouth, and from his jail window he informed William Speller, also colored, who happened to be passing the jail, that "there oughter be war in dis country." Speller said "Carin doggone had," agreeing with his friend. Perkins is being given an opportunity to express his ideas on revolution to the judge, and all just because he was jailed.

Perkins and Speller both are said to have been faithful patrons at the relief station here.

Chief Daniel, making the arrest, said that Perkins had dismantled the velocipede and packed it away. Perkins declares he found the velocipede in a ravine near Watts Street two or three weeks ago.

## Elder W. B. Stadler To Preach In Robersonville

Elder W. B. Stadler will preach in the Robersonville graded school auditorium (Thursday evening of this week, it was announced yesterday by Mr. J. T. Ross. The public is cordially invited to attend the service.