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LOCALS UP, THEN DOWN; NOW HOLD SECOND PLACE

Will Make Strong Effort To Share Top Honors In Game Today

Williamston's baseball club is having its ups and downs these past few days—first tying for first place, then second, they enter play today the undisputed holder of second place, with Edenton one game ahead. Manager Spivey calculates the club will annex a right to share top honors with Edenton in the game this afternoon.

Last Friday and Saturday, the Martins clean - sweeped Plymouth, winning the first game by a 11 to 3 count behind Cherry's pitching. The fourth inning of the Friday game was a heavy one for Williamston, the batting order going all the way and round and two up on the second. Six walks were accepted and they, with a home run by Gaylord and a double by Peters, accounted for six of the Martin's runs. Cherry kept Plymouths 11 hits scattered, his team mates only getting seven safeties off Singleton, Burnham, and Scully.

With Gardner and Herring in the box, the Martin registered a second win by a 11 to 6 score here Saturday, the locals garnering 12 hits off Bugg, Burnham, and Scully.

Plymouth has changed its managers Mr. Ben Sumner succeeding Chief "Poss" Brown, it was announced last Saturday.

The league leaders, Edenton, won yesterday's game, 4 to 1, by errors. Herring allowed only 7 hits, while the Martins touched Hoens for 8. Six errors were chalked up on the locals, while the visitors went errorless. The game was played in a steady drizzling rain after the fourth inning.

Box score of yesterday's game:

Edenton	AB	R	H	PO	A	E
Partin, 2b	5	1	0	3	3	0
C. Webb, lf	4	1	2	1	0	0
J. Webb, rf	4	0	0	0	0	0
Suttenfield, c	4	0	1	8	1	0
Leary, 3b	4	0	0	1	0	0
Richardson, 1b	4	0	1	10	2	0
House, cf	4	1	2	2	0	0
Underwood, ss	4	1	1	2	5	0
Hoens, p	4	0	0	0	1	0
Totals	37	4	7	27	10	0

Williamston	AB	R	H	PO	A	E
Earp, ss	4	0	2	3	2	0
Gaylord, lf	4	0	1	4	0	0
Goodmon, cf	4	0	0	0	0	0
Brake, rf	4	0	0	1	0	0
Uzzle, 3b	3	1	2	0	0	1
Latham, 1b	4	0	1	11	4	1
Peters, 2b	3	0	0	2	3	3
xGardner	1	0	0	0	0	0
Taylor, c	3	0	2	5	0	0
Herring, p	3	0	0	1	1	1
Totals	32	1	8	27	10	6

Score by innings:		R
Edenton	220 000 000	4
Williamston	000 000 100	1

Summary: Runs batted in: C. Webb (2), Suttenfield, Leary, Peters. Two-base hits: C. Webb (2), Richardson, House; Earp, Gaylord. Stolen bases: Partin, Leary, Underwood. Left on bases: Williamston 6, Edenton, 8. Base on balls: off Herring 1, off Hoens 2. Struck out: by Herring 4, by Hoens 8. Hit by pitcher: J. Webb (by Herring). Double plays: Partin to Underwood to Richardson; Partin to Underwood to Richardson. Time of game: 2:05. Umpires, Stevens and Cofield.

WINDSOR DROPS OUT OF LEAGUE

Elizabeth City Withdraws from Play Last Of This Week

Activities in the Albemarle Baseball League were upset over the week end, when the Bertie club withdrew from play, leaving five clubs to carry on an unbalanced schedule. No reason for the club's withdrawing could be learned definitely, but small gate receipts are believed to have been responsible for the action.

Preliminary plans for carrying on activities in the league were discussed last night in Windsor, and it is understood that definite announcements will be made the latter part of this week. According to unofficial reports received here, there is small chance of replacing the Bertie team, giving rise to the assumption that one of the five clubs now in the league may withdraw within the next few days.

Information released at noon today stated that Elizabeth City would end its connection with the Albemarle league Saturday of this week.

Officers Capture Four Stills Over Week-end

County officers raiding in Bear Grass, Williams and Jamesville Townships during the week-end destroyed four liquor plants and large quantities of beer. A copper still of 100-gallon capacity, one of the largest taken in the county in many months, was captured in operation in Bear Grass, the operator making his escape.

Officers C. B. Roebuck, J. H. Roebuck, Clarence Sexton, and Roy Peel took part in the raids.

Columbian Peanut Company To Build New Storage House

Construction work on a third storage warehouse for the Columbian Peanut Company at its plant on the Washington and Jamesville road here was started yesterday. Captain W. S. Pritchard, in charge of the local plant, stated that between 10 and 15 men would be employed on the project during the next several weeks. The storage house, 64 by 128 feet, will be one of the largest owned by the company, and will have a capacity of about 30,000 bags of peanuts.

Following the completion of the building now under construction, the company plans to paint its entire plant red, using white paint for borders, it was said. The plant, upon the completion of the new storage house will have a floor space of about 51,160 square feet.

The storage capacity of the plant will be increased by about 30,000 bags, advancing the total capacity to about 87,000 bags, and one of the largest in the system, it is understood.

Automatic sprinklers, installed in every plant of the Columbian system, will also be placed in the new warehouse.

Arrangements have not been completed, but it is understood the company will be in a position to store cotton and peanuts for individual farmers and others at very low rates.

ATTACK VICTIM

Falling from the arms of her dying mother, little Elizabeth Barber Davenport has miraculously recovered from wounds caused by 56 gunshot fired into her small legs by Joe Davenport in the "Islands" section of Williams Township last April. The child, not quite 10 months old, has cried very little and has thrived under the care of Mr. and Mrs. Joe Cowen on Main Street here.

A substantial home has been found for the little bit of humanity, but she will be held here under the care of the county physician until the wounds are completely healed, it is understood.

SHORT CHARGE MADE BY JUDGE SMALL MONDAY

Jurist Offers No Remarks In Connection With Crime Conditions

Opening court yesterday morning at 11:30, Judge Walter L. Small, of Elizabeth City, used about three minutes instructing the jury in the handling of business coming before them and called the first case for trial a few minutes later.

The presiding jurist instructed the jurymen they could not return a "no true bill" until all witnesses had been examined, but that they could return a true bill after 12 of them had heard one or more witnesses and had obtained sufficient information to support such a bill. The foreman was instructed to return all bills in person with the exception of those of a capital nature, and bills of that kind were to be carried before the court by the jury as a body.

No reference was made to the jurymen in connection with established duties, such as the inspection of county offices, jail, county home, and other public property, and Judge Small had no remarks to offer in connection with crime condjtions or in handling them.

Herbert Bunting and S. C. Peel were excused by the foreman of the jury at the direction of the court, the 16 remaining men immediately going into session to call witnesses in the Joe Davenport killing case. The names of the grand jurymen:

M. D. Wilson, W. H. Lilley, J. D. Bowen, Roy Crofton, J. S. Ayers, of Everetts, and J. S. Ayers, of Hamilton, J. R. Keel, W. S. Rhodes, foreman, B. S. Courtney, Irving Smith, M. R. Gurganus, H. F. Latham, J. J. Williams, D. D. Coburn, J. T. Cooper and Joe Lanier.

Season Now Open for Taking All Kinds Fish

The season is now open for fishing in all inland waters, Game Warden J. W. Hines said today. However, fishermen should remember there are bag limits and rules governing the size of fish that might be taken.

The law says not more than eight bass, 20 trout, 25 perch, 25 goggle eyes, may be taken in any one day, and the size must be over six inches for goggle eyes, perch, 12 inches for black bass.

FEW PROPERTY OWNERS APPLY FOR CHANGES

Owners Apparently Well Satisfied with Values On Their Property

Apparently Martin County property owners are very well satisfied with the valuation of their property as listed in the several districts by the individual list-takers recently, for there wasn't a single complaint registered with the board of county commissioners when they met here yesterday as a board of equalization and review.

While there was very little that could be done in the way of changing property values, the board could have heard complaints where improvements to property had been made and the listings were at variance with the list-taker and the property owner. And then there was an opportunity to discuss values placed upon personal property.

One owner started before the board, it was learned, to ask a reduction in his listings, as one of his tenant houses had been destroyed by fire. He turned back when he learned that the loss was after April 1, and that he would have to wait another year before relief could be had in the particular case.

The absence of complaints at the meeting does not mean there will be no owners going before the commissioners with their tax problems and discussions later on in the year. Few complaints will be heard until notices of taxes due reach the property owners, and then the owners will, judging from past records, literally flock to the authorities to point out all kinds of errors and complain about this and that.

Anyway, the authorities had a very pleasant meeting yesterday, not even the less fortunate appearing before them for aid.

PHAUP PRAISED BY HOME PAPER

Ahoskie Herald Says He Is One of Best Liked Men In Tobacco Trade

Establishing a connection with the Farmers Warehouse on the Williamston Tobacco Market recently, Mr. Charlie Phaup was last week highly complimented by the Hertford County Herald, of Ahoskie, where he has been connected in the business. The paper said:

"Mr. Phaup is perhaps the best known, and one of the best liked, tobacco men who has been connected with the local (Ahoskie) market. He operated a warehouse here for several years when the market was in its infancy and during that time did much to promote its growth and establish it in favor with the farmers."

Mr. Phaup, who will be on the sales every day, has already started work in the interest of the Farmers house and the local market.

Convention Asks More Roads for This County

Martin County Democrats, in convention here last Saturday, passed a resolution urging the state authorities to build more roads in this county from funds allotted the state by the federal government. A bill was passed in Congress yesterday creating a $200,000,000 road fund, this state to get $4,840,000 of the amount.

Attorney D. M. Williford Opens Law Office Here

David M. Williford, a native of Sampson County, but for several years located in Dunn and New York, has opened an office for the general practice of law in the Lawyers' Building on Main Street here.

The attorney plans to bring his family here just as soon as he can find a home.

DEMOCRATS OF COUNTY IN MEET LAST SATURDAY

Vote Down Proposal For Redistricting Sections for Commissioners

With nothing out of the ordinary scheduled for consideration, and with the Democrats holding their own, the county democratic convention held here last Saturday was a very quiet affair. Other than routine duties, the convention heard a resolution for the redistricting of the county for the nomination and election of members to the boards of education and county commissioners.

Offered by Mrs. V. A. Ward, of Robersonville, the resolution for redistricting the county would require the nomination and election of one commissioner and one board of education member from each two townships in the county, as follows: Jamesville and Williams; Griffins and Bear Grass; Williamston and Poplar Point; Cross Roads and Robersonville; Goose Nest and Hamilton. A vote was taken in the matter, and the resolution was defeated, 8 to 7, the convention stating that the number of delegates to the convention was not representative of the county.

About 1921 a law was passed districting the county. In 1929, the law was repealed, some of the smaller districts claiming that their larger neighbors controlled the election. Another law was considered and introduced in the legislature calling for the re-districting of the townships for nomination and election of commissioners and board of education members, but it was recalled when pressure was brought by smaller districts in the county to keep the nomination of commissioners county-wide.

A petition for the redistricting of the county may be circulated, but no definite action has been taken as yet, it was learned today.

The convention last Saturday re-elected E. S. Peel county chairman and made Urbin Rogers secretary. All Democrats in the county were elected to attend the state convention in Raleigh Thursday, but it isn't expected the number of delegates allowed will be at the state meeting. Martin County is entitled to 30 delegates and as many alternates at the state convention.

J. G. Staton was elected on the senatorial committee Ed James on the judicial committee, and H. G. Horton on the congressional committee.

The precinct committees were named as follows:

Jamesville: R. O. Martin, J. F. Jordan, C. W. Mizelle, F. W. Holliday and W. R. Roberson.

Williams: Joshua L. Coltrain, Stuart Tetterton, W. W. Griffin, and Lucian J. Hardison.

Griffins: P. Peel, W. B. Harington, T. C. Griffin, J. Eason Lilley, and Louis Peel.

Bear Grass: J. D. Wynn, Kneezer Harrison, Eli Roberson, Russell Rogers and H. C. Green.

Williamston: L. T. Fowden, J. C. Anderson, Mrs. S. R. Biggs, Mrs. J. S. Rhodes, and Frank S. Pittman.

Cross Roads: J. S. Ayers, Lester Peel, C. B. Roebuck, and C. B. Clark.

Robersonville: Ed James, I. M. Little, A. M. Hastey, D. R. Everett, E. G. Anderson, and J. V. Moye.

Gold Point: J. L. Croom, W. A. Vanderford, J. W. Perkins, J. W. Taylor, and LeRoy Everett.

Poplar Point: W. S. White, Roy Taylor, Herman Harrison, and W. S. Leggett.

Hamilton: J. A. Davenport, Harry Waldo, R. W. Salsbury, D. G. Matthews.

Hassell: J. W. Eubanks, G. S. Haislip, C. L. Nelson, E. R. Edmondson, jr., and H. L. Purvis.

Goose Nest: Tom Johnson, J. C. Ross, Wheeler B. Daniel, Dr. E. E. Pittman, and J. W. Hines.

BOB SHIELDS TO BE ON MARKET

Prominent Halifax Farmer To Be with Roanoke-Dixie This Season

Additions to the tobacco warehouse personnel here continue to add to the already bright prospects for a successful season for the Williamston Tobacco Market this coming season. One of the latest important announcements was made yesterday when it was learned that Mr. Robert Shields, of Hobgood, Halifax County, would be connected with Messrs. S. Claud Griffin and Jimmie Taylor at the Roanoke-Dixie Warehouse this coming season.

Mr. Shields, a prominent citizen and a leading farmer in Halifax County, was associated with the Planters Warehouse here last season, and during that time he played a prominent part in the advancement of the local market. Farmers and other friends of Mr. Shields are greatly pleased to learn that he will again be on the local market.

Davenport Given 15-20 Year Sentence on Murder Charge

NEGRO HELD FOR SHOOTING NIECE LAST SATURDAY

Burlene Hill, 18 Years Old, In Critical Condition Following Attack

Burlene Hill, 18-year-old colored woman, is in a critical condition at her home in the Free Union section of this county following a pistol attack made upon her by her uncle, Booker T. Hill, there last Saturday afternoon. Struck in the back by a bullet fired from a .22 calibre pistol, the woman's lung was punctured, and reports received here yesterday stated that pneumonia had developed and that her recovery was very doubtful.

Hill, when arrested a short time after the attack by Sheriff C. B. Roebuck and Constable Clarence Sexton, denied the charge. Hill was at his home changing clothes when the officers reached there.

Walking along a dirt road in the Free Union section with her mother, the Hill woman was fired upon three times, only one ball taking effect. Shortly before that time, Hill was seen entering the woods at the spot where the attack was made, but he continued away from the road after the shooting and was not seen when the attack took place. It is thought he secreted himself in a tree and fired upon the woman from that point of vantage.

Particulars leading up to the shooting could not be learned, but unofficial reports stated the man was mad with the girl, and that the attack victim and her mother are certain Hill is the guilty party.

MRS. DELLA ROSS BULLOCK PASSES

Funeral Held Last Sunday Afternoon In Church At Robersonville

Mrs. Della Ross Bullock, widow of M. G. Bullock, who died about two years ago, passed away at the home of her son, Charles M. Bullock, last Saturday afternoon following a long illness.

Funeral services were conducted Sunday afternoon by Elder B. S. Cowin in the Robersonville Primitive Baptist church, interment following in the New Cemetery there.

Three sons, C. M. Bullock and J. D. Bullock, of Robersonville; Lewis Bullock, of Williamston; and four daughters, Mrs. J. N. Hopkins, Mrs. Kader Lilley, and Mrs. Ruth Cowin, of Williamston, ant Miss Hattie Bullock, of Robersonville, survive. She also leaves four sisters, Mrs. W. N. Simmons, of Stokes; Mrs. W. R. Griffin, of Winterville; Mrs. W. A. Jenkins, of Charlotte; and Mrs. Jack Harrington, of Greenville, and three brothers, Rev. J. Ross, and Ab Ross, of Stokes; and Joe Ross, of Ayden.

Bible School at Bear Grass Closed There Last Friday

Last Friday night the Bible school at Bear Grass completed its course of instruction with a commencement service that was well received. During the two weeks of the school, the enrollment was 84. There was a perfect attendance record made by 46, with an average attendance of 76. In many ways this was one of the best school conducted at this point.

Beginning yesterday at 9 a. m., a Bible school opened for a two-weeks session at Roberson's Chapel. There was an attendance of 76. Those assisting in the teaching are Mrs. Lewis Wallace and Miss Marjorie Taylor in the beginners' department; Mrs. J. H. Roberson and Mrs. Z. T. Piephoff in the primary department; Rev. Z. T. Piephoff in the junior department and Mr. John Whitley in the intermediate department. This school will be brought to a close Thursday of next week with the commencement exercises on Thursday night.

Prayer meeting at Williamston on Wednesday night at 8 p. m.

Prayer meeting at Roberson's Chapel Thursday night at 8:15 p. m.

Prayer meeting at Poplar Point Friday night at 8:15 p. m.

General Rain Welcomed In This Section Yesterday

A general rain, falling in this section early last evening, was greatly welcomed by farmers and gardeners. Although crops were said not be suffering from dry weather, the rain is believed to have been of much value to crops.

The fall was one of the first here in some time, other sections, however reporting light rains from time to time.

GOES TO PRISON

Joe Davenport, convicted in Martin Superior court, leaves this week to spend the remainder of his days in prison for the murder of his wife, Maggie Barber Davenport, in the Islands section of Williams Township the third of last April.

KERR TOBACCO CONTROL BILL BECOMES LAW

Act, Similar To Bankhead Bill, Goes To President for His Signature

Washington.—After many delays, the Kerr tobacco control bill was finally passed by both branches of Congress Monday and sent to the President for approval. There is no doubt that the bill will be signed since it has the full approval of the Department of Agriculture, which regards it as more desirable than the similar Bankhead cotton bill.

Representative John H. Kerr, the author of the bill, issued a statement following its final passage in which he predicted the the law will result in an average price of not less than 20 cents for the North Carolina tobacco crop in 1934.

But aside from the law may or may not do in regard to decreasing production or raising prices, and its sponsors are certain it will do both, it seems quite certain that the law will to a large extent eliminate the condition which was responsible for its introduction.

The 95 per cent of the farmers who had signed reduction agreements felt that it was a manifest injustice for the 5 per cent who had not benefited more than they did themselves by the cooperative effort. It was that sort of a situation which was primarily responsible for the failure of the Tri-State Cooperative Association and under the agricultural adjustment act of last year the government sought to eliminate such a condition through benefit and rental payments.

This year tobacco farmers who cooperate will receive rentals of $15 or $20 an acre on all land removed from production and will also receive adjustment payments of 12 1-2 per cent.

Despite these advantages, however, there was much apprehension concerning the probability of resentment because of the opportunity for farmers not cooperating to produce on an unrestricted basis.

Young Negro Has Fit and Delays Activities in Court

Willie Cromwell, young colored man, created quite a commotion in the Martin County hall of justice yesterday afternoon when he had a fit just after he pleaded guilty in a case charging him with secret assault.

Starting with a "snappy" groan, Cromwell was soon blowing as a snorting train whistle. He was removed bodily to a small room opening into the auditorium, where he changed his tune to one similar to that coming from a dying dog. He was later removed to the jail, where his condition gradually improved.

Court activities were interrupted, and court attendants, including the judge, offered assistance.

Cromwell is said to have had fits before, but the one yesterday took place in an ideal setting for his own good, probably. This morning the judge sentenced him to 18 to 24 months on the roads.

STANDING OF CLUBS

Club	W	L	Pct.
Edenton	9	4	.692
Williamston	8	5	.615
Elizabeth City	7	6	.538
Ahoskie	6	7	.462
Plymouth	5	7	.417
Bertie	3	9	.250

SUPERIOR COURT IS GETTING WORK DONE IN HURRY

Russell Perry Gets from 3 To 5 Years for Robbery of Perlie Leggett

Convening the one-week of Martin County Superior Court here yesterday, Judge Walter Small was progressing rapidly in clearing the docket, one of the shortest in recent months, this afternoon. Fairly large crowds were present for the morning and afternoon sessions yesterday, but a crowded courtroom was waiting this morning for the Joe Davenport murder case.

After reviewing the evidence in the case for about one hour, Judge Small, in superior court here today sentenced Joe Davenport to State's prison for not less than 15 and not more than 20 years, a term the old man will hardly complete. The testimony offered in the case was almost an exact reiteration of what had been told in the preliminary hearing held a few days after Davenport had killed his 26-year-old wife, Maggie Barber Davenport. The aged man, said to be 84 years old but thought by others to be not over 74 years of age, was not disturbed when sentence was passed upon him, and the crowded court room remained apparently unconcerned when judgment was announced.

The trial brings to an end one of the most hideous crimes in the annals of the county, and closes another chapter of lewdness and lawlessness in the isolated section of Williams Township.

While the proceedings yesterday were considered hardly of more than passing interest, there were several high spots in the activities of the day. Willie Cromwell, charged with secret and felonious assault, "flung a fit," and delayed his case. Apparently the stunt failed to impress the judge, for a sentence of 18 to 24 months duration on the roads was imposed this morning. Russell Perry, charged and found guilty of robbery, casually walked out of the courtroom while Solicitor Gilliam was pleading with the jury for a conviction in the case. Perry was recaptured by officers in a hay barn on the Biggs farm last night. "I don't know why I left," Perry said this morning to Judge Small, who, two minutes later, sentenced the man to the roads for not less than three nor more than five years.

J. A. Whitfield, convicted at a previous session of the court on a robbery charge and sent to a training school, was sentenced to the roads.

A nol-pros with leave was reported in the case against Cliff Bunch, charged with forgery, the court ordering judgment absolute on the bond

Stancil Perry, charged with robbery in the same case against Russell Perry, was found not guilty.

Judgment was suspended in the case charging Thurman Nicholson with bastardy on the condition that he pay Agnes McKeel $10 a month for the next 24 months.

R. N. Farmer, charged with abandonment and non-support, was sentenced to the roads for from 18 to 24 months, the court suspending judgment upon the payment of costs.

John Sam Moore was sentenced to the roads for a period of from four to eight months on a housebreaking and robbery charge.

The grand jury completed its work today, and at noon the court had handled all the bills sent to it except two, one charging Junior Rollings with manslaughter and one charging Mayo Andrews with housebreaking and larceny. Rollings was the driver of the car that figured in a fatal accident near Gold Point a few weeks ago.

The court called the Joe Davenport murder case at 9:45 this morning, the defense entering a plea of guilty to second-degree murder, which plea was accepted by the state.

Recommend Opening Date for Eastern Tobacco Marts

If recommendations made by tobacco warehousemen in a meeting held last week in Asheville are favorably considered by the United State Tobacco Association, tobacco markets in Eastern North Carolina will open the 28th of August, or two weeks after selling operations are started in South Carolina.

While the recommendations are understood to have no official standing, it is believed the association will consider them in determining the dates when it meets the early part of next month.

Markets in this belt opened on August 29 last season, but a holiday went into effect on September 1 and ended on the 25th.