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WILLIAMSTON ON TOBOGGAN SLIDE IN LEAGUE RACE

Martins Suffer Four Defeats During Week; Earp Back In Lineup

Experiencing four straight defeats this week, Williamston's Martins continue to hold their heads up, competing with Windsor for fourth place in the league's society rating.

The team, while playing fairly good ball, uncorked itself last Tuesday at Plymouth and literally bubbled over with errors, and at the same time a lid was clamped tightly on the boys' hitting. Plymouth won the game 7 to 2 on eight hits off Kugler coupled with five errors. Gaylord and Goodmon got two hits each to register two-thirds of the Martins' hits.

Edenton won 6 to 2 here Wednesday by touching Cherry for 11 hits and taking advantage of the break advanced by five errors. Brake, with two hits, did more than one-third of the work at bat for Williamston.

The Martins all but lost the batting art at Edenton yesterday when they were allowed only three hits by Shaney, Herring pitched six-hit ball, but while Edenton played air-tight ball, the Martins made four errors, adding color to the score. Terms of the defeat were recorded in the figures of 6 to 1.

Alleging that Shaney was "doctoring" the ball, the Martins' officials protested the game yesterday. It was stated that the pitcher had tallow, cold cream or something on his trousers, and would rub the ball against them.

Earp, completing a two-weeks leave of absence with Albemarle, has returned to the lineup. Reports today stated that a new second baseman would be called here from Richmond.

Box score of yesterday's game:

Williamston	AB	R	H	PO	A	E
Gaylord, lf	4	1	1	0	0	0
Goodmon, 2b	4	0	0	0	0	0
Brake, cf	4	0	0	0	0	0
Uzle, c	3	0	0	4	1	0
Cherry, rf	3	0	0	3	0	0
Broden, 3b	3	0	1	1	1	1
Taylor, lb	3	0	0	1	1	0
Henderson, ss	3	0	0	1	4	2
Shaney, p	3	0	1	0	3	0
Totals	30	1	3	24	13	4
Edenton	AB	R	H	PO	A	E
Partin, 2b	4	1	2	0	1	0
C. Webb, lf	3	1	0	2	0	0
J. Webb, rf	3	0	2	1	0	0
Suttenfield, c	4	0	0	1	0	0
Leary, 3b	2	0	1	1	0	0
House, cf	4	1	1	0	0	0
Corbett, ss	4	1	1	3	0	0
Richards, lb	3	1	0	0	0	0
Shaney, p	3	0	0	4	0	0
Totals	30	6	6	27	5	0

Score by innings: Williamston 000 100 000-1, Edenton 031 000 20x-6. Summary: Runs batted in, Brake, Partin, Corbett, Shaney. Two-base hit, J. Webb. Left on bases, Williamston 2, Edenton 5. Hit by pitcher, Leary (2) by Herring. Base on balls, off Herring 4, by Shaney 0. Struck out by Herring 4, by Shaney 9. Stolen base, Richards. Time, 1:28. Umpire, Vickers.

Services Sunday For Presbyterian Church

9:30 a. m.—Sunday School, Mr. E. P. Cunningham, superintendent. 11 a. m.—Preaching service. Subject, "The Greatest of These." 8 p. m.—Union service. 8 p. m. Wednesday—Prayer meeting.

Bear Grass

9:30 a. m.—Sunday School. Mr. R. E. Hickman, principal of Bear Grass high school, will teach the adult Bible class. The public is cordially invited to hear him. 7:30 p. m.—Young People's League. Special music.

8:15 p. m.—Preaching service. Subject, "Witnessing For Him."

Roberson's Chapel

4 p. m.—Sunday School, Mr. J. W. Roberson, superintendent. 7:15 p. m. Thursday—Prayer meeting.

Poplar Point

2 p. m.—Sunday School. 8:15 p. m. Friday—Prayer meeting, followed by choir practice.

Life Insurance Company Sees Things Upgrade

Another evidence that things are getting better in the financial world is shown in a recent statement issued by the Pilot Life Insurance Company.

"Continued indication of a brightening financial picture throughout the South is contained in the mid-year financial statement just reported by the company to Jesse T. Price, Pilot Life Insurance Company general agent locally, showing substantial gains in insurance in force, surplus and assets for the first half of 1934.

Other significant trends reported by President Emory C. Green include policy loans, showing less than half the total for the first half of 1933; loan repayments, more than double the total for the first half of last year."

W. O. GRIFFIN



Active manager-owner of the Farmers Supply Company which opens for business in its new store on Washington Street this week.

FARMERS SUPPLY COMPANY IS NOW IN MODERN HOME

New Establishment Adds Greatly to Appearance of Town

The Farmers Supply Company, one of the section's leading mercantile establishments, is now located in its new and modern home on Washington Street, marking another progressive step in the history of the popular store, and adding greatly to the appearance of the town.

Organized by the Messrs. Griffin brothers several years ago, the firm has built a splendid reputation in the general mercantile business of this section during that time. Increased business called for larger quarters and the company built a modern structure, costing approximately \$5,000. The new store is located just a few doors down from the old place of business, and is now ready and prepared to handle the needs of a large patronage.

OLD LADY DIES AT GOLD POINT

Mrs. Mary E. Vanderford Passes Following Lingering Illness

Mrs. Mary E. Vanderford, highly respected citizen of Gold Point, died at the home of her son, Mr. W. A. Vanderford, there yesterday about noon. She had been in declining health for some time, the end coming gradually.

A native of Pitt County, Mrs. Vanderford was about 71 years old, a good woman and a thoughtful mother. About 15 years ago she left her native home, near Greenville, and came to this county to live. During that time she made many friends with those whom she met in that community.

Besides her son, with whom she lived, she is survived by several other children.

Funeral services are being conducted this afternoon, and interment will follow at her old home place, about 10 miles from Greenville, in Pitt County.

Rev. Critcher To Preach At Presbyterian Service

Rev. B. Duke Critcher will preach at the union service to be held at the Presbyterian Church Sunday night.

RESULTS

Tuesday, July 24

Plymouth 7, Williamston 2; Windsor 2, Ahoskie 1.

Edenton 4, Elizabeth City 1.

Wednesday, July 25

Edenton 6, Williamston 2; Ahoskie 6, Elizabeth City 4.

Plymouth 12, Windsor 4.

Thursday, July 26

Edenton 6, Williamston 1; Elizabeth City 4, Ahoskie 1.

Plymouth 13, Windsor 4.

STANDINGS

	W.	L.	Pct.
Edenton	8	1	.889
Plymouth	7	1	.875
Elizabeth City	3	5	.375
Williamston	3	6	.333
Windsor	3	6	.333
Ahoskie	2	7	.222

AAA MAKES NEW TOBACCO RULING TO MARKET CROP

Farmer May Sell Combined Allotment Without Penalty

While it affects only a few growers, a ruling of much importance to those few was announced yesterday by the Washington office of the Agricultural Adjustment Administration. The new ruling makes it possible for a farmer who has two or more contracts to sell the combined allotment without penalty. In other words, a farmer had two contracts allowing ten acres on one farm and six acres on another farm, and for convenience he planted eight on each farm. Until the new ruling was made, it was considered impossible for that farmer to market only under the terms of each contract. The ruling also covers those situations where a farmer had two or more contracts for separate farms and planted the combined acreage on one farm.

The tobacco acreage survey in this county continues rapidly, and it is believed the work will be completed in time to prepare and distribute marketing cards before the opening of the 23rd of next month. However, the cards have not yet been received in this county. Once the marketing cards reach the farmer, he will find it advisable to hold on to the cards, for it is believed that much difficulty will be experienced in procuring an allotment.

Martin County growers have been allotted 481,700 pounds of tobacco for free marketing outside of the poundage covered by contracts, according to information released this week by E. Y. Floyd, Raleigh. This amount, or 6 per cent of the total allotted the county under the Kerr-Smith bill, will be divided among those farmers who were not eligible to sign a contract and others whose production is less than 1,500 pounds and who signed contracts; it is understood.

It is believed that there are few farmers in this county who will be eligible to participate in the 481,700-pound allotment as the individual production seldom falls under 1,500 pounds. There might be a few who are re-planting tobacco this year for the first time in several years, and were not eligible to sign a contract. They will be given tax-free warrants for a certain amount, but the allotment will be in accordance with rules advanced in the general contracts, it is understood.

Definite methods for issuing the tax-free warrants have not been announced here as yet, but Agent Brandon will be called to Raleigh next week, and it is understood that the six-per-cent allotment will be explained at that time. Details for issuing marketing cards will likely be discussed at this time.

Tomorrow is the last day for non-signers who are eligible to sign contracts to make arrangements to participate in the reduction movement. It is generally agreed that the farmer who is eligible to sign and fails to do so, will meet with adverse conditions when he starts to market his crop.

300 Drought Stricken Cattle Allotted Martin

Three hundred cattle have been allotted Martin County as its first quota from a 25-carload shipment received this week in Goldsboro from drought-stricken areas in the West. The cattle, expected here within the next two or three days, will probably be placed in the old Dymond city tract of about 20,000 acres, in Griffins Township. Other pasture lands provided for cattle are located in the upper part of the county and in Williams and Jamesville townships, it is understood.

If the Dymond city pasture is selected, the first shipment of cattle will probably be unloaded and trucked there from Jamesville.

Rev. Duke Critcher To Preach Sunday Morning

C. T. Rogers, Pastor

Rev. Duke Critcher, of Red Springs, will preach at 11 a. m. Duke is a Williamston boy and he is making good. You will enjoy hearing him. No night services. Sunday School at 9:45.

Baptist Church Will Join Union Service Sunday Night

Following the session of the Sunday School, the pastor will preach at the Baptist Church Sunday morning, and at the evening hour the Baptist group is asked to join in the union service at the Presbyterian Church, where the Rev. B. Duke Critcher will be the guest preacher.

\$5,000 SUIT BEGUN UNDER TERMS OF GLADSTONE WILL

Plaintiff Contends Sum Is Due According To Will

A suit for \$5,000 has been started in the Martin County Superior Court by Mrs. Annie Anthony Beach to recover from Mrs. Frank L. Gladstone, executrix, \$5,000, an amount alleged due the plaintiff under the terms of the will of the late F. L. Gladstone.

The complaint sets out that the plaintiff and Gladstone Anthony are each due one-third of the amount, the remaining one-third being due Henry, Aurelia, Lula and Shirley Harrington, grandchildren. Jos. W. Bailey, attorney for the plaintiff, filed the complaint in the court several weeks ago, but an answer was not made until a day or two ago.

The defendant maintains that the devise, L. F. Anthony, sister of the late F. L. Gladstone, named in the will of Gladstone pre-deceased him several years; that the legacy as set out to her as lapsed by reason of prior death of the legatee to that of the testator, and there being a residuary clause giving to his wife, Mrs. G. C. Gladstone, every specie of property, whether real or personal, owned by the testator at his death. The defendant further maintains that she is the owner and entitled to all property F. L. Gladstone possessed.

It is understood that the late Mr. Gladstone made a will leaving \$5,000 to his sister and the remainder of his property to his wife. His sister, Mrs. L. F. Anthony, died before he did but he never changed his will.

PLANT OFFICERS LIKE OPERATION OF GUANO CODE

C. G. Crockett Reveals Benefits of Code in Letter To Johnson

The "Blue Eagle" issue of the Code Authority, for July, publishes an interesting article concerning a small North Carolina industry.

C. G. Crockett, president of Standard Fertilizer Co., Inc., of Williamston, wrote General Hugh S. Johnson as follows:

"In the fertilizer industry we are one of the little fellows. We are located in a town of 3,000 population. In our town is located a peanut factory, two lumber mills and a tobacco factory. Ours is the town's largest industry and together with the other factories mentioned, along with the various merchants and other small enterprises that go with a town of this size, employs all the labor. During the 12 months prior to the time the Fertilizer Code became effective, we paid our common labor at the rate of 10 cents per hour. This same rate was paid by numerous fertilizer manufacturers throughout North Carolina, and was forced upon us by destructive competition within the industry. Our common labor now gets a minimum of 25 cents per hour and with living conditions as they are in our community, they are now happy and contented, whereas before they were justly disgruntled and earned hardly enough to eke out an existence.

"The farmers, who are the consumers of our product, are highly pleased with the workings of our code for the very simple reason that each and every one gets the same treatment and it has done away with the fear and distrust among them that their neighbor is paying a lower price for the same goods than he is paying. We have had not one complaint from the farmer regarding our code.

"For several years prior to the adoption of our code we lost money and it was steadily growing worse. The most ruinous kind of price cutting, secret rebating and numerous other unfair trade practices were prevalent in our industry. During the past year we have been able to show a small profit."

More Checks For Tobacco Received By County Agent

A comparatively large number of tobacco rental and equalization checks were received by the county agent's office here this morning. The exact number and amounts represented by the checks could not be learned immediately.

Two or three hundred additional checks are still due farmers in this county, it is estimated.

Retire Worn Coins In 1933 Worth \$11,026,256

During the past year coins to the total value of \$11,026,256.12 were retired from circulation in the United States as being too badly worn to be of proper use.

Seek Injunction To Postpone Tax Sale of Land in County

21 CENTS POUND PREDICTED FOR TOBACCO CROP

J. B. Hutson Points Out Returns May Be Even Higher

A parity price of 21 cents a pound for the current tobacco crop was predicted yesterday in an address at the tobacco farm, Oxford, by J. B. Hutson, chief of the tobacco section of the Agricultural Adjustment Administration.

"Based on the present situation, it appears that 21 cents may be the parity price agreed upon, but the returns may be even higher than that, for the crop this year will probably be 100,000,000 pounds below the consumption for 1933, and at the same time consumption is increasing," Mr. Hutson pointed out.

"At the same time, I do not think that the price will advance so far as to make the consumer suffer by the farmers' gain. In other words, it looks as if the current crop, together with the carry-over from a year ago, will just about evenly supply the market, and we will have accomplished what we set out to do a year ago.

"We expect to discuss the problem of a marketing agreement in Washington again today, and some definite announcement may be forthcoming immediately. I cannot say now that we will or will not have a marketing agreement, for much depends on the prospective prices. Anyway, it must all be settled quickly, for the Georgia market opens August 1, less than a week away," Mr. Hutson declared.

FEW MINOR CASES TRIED IN COURT

Slump of Court Activities Continues In Martin County

Martin County's recorder's court continues to experience a summer slump in its activities, Judge Peel calling only five cases at the last Tuesday session. The nature of the docket was little changed from former ones. Work was completed a good while before noon.

Reports coming from the court officers indicate a concerted drive will be made early in the fall to collect past due fines and court costs, Judge Peel explaining that he hoped to balance the old accounts by October. Road and jail sentences will be in order when defendants fail to comply with the judgments, he added.

A sixty-day road sentence was suspended upon the payment of the court cost and pladged good behavior of the defendant in the case charging U. G. Gurganus with an assault with a deadly weapon.

James Spruill pleaded guilty of trespassing and the theft of a watermelon, but his age saved him in the county court, and his case was referred to the juvenile authorities.

Fannie Ruffin was found not guilty in the case charging her with violating the liquor laws.

James Moore, upper county colored preacher, was sentenced to the roads for three months for an assault and carrying a concealed weapon. Moore is said to have explained to the court that he took a drink of liquor every time he filled an appointment.

Work Started To Build Underpass At A. C. L.

Bridge construction workers of the Atlantic Coast Line Railroad Company are unloading construction material at the west end of Main Street preparatory to the building of concrete sidewalks at the highway underpass there.

Foreman Cobb said yesterday that the walls, 60 feet long on each side of the road, will vary from two to seven feet in height. Construction work will be completed within about 30 days, it was stated.

Local Men To Start New Clothing Store

Messrs. Leslie Hardison and Clarence Sexton have leased the building until this week occupied by the Farmers Supply Company. It was learned this week. The two young men plan to open a clothing store there in the near future, according to information received here. Both Mr. Hardison and Mr. Sexton are natives of Jamesville, Mr. Hardison having recently returned from New York where he was engaged in the clothing business.

STOCK MATURES

Two hundred shares of Martin County Building and Loan Association stock was matured this morning, releasing \$10,000 in cash to share holders and retiring an equal amount in mortgages held by the association. The series, the 22nd, was issued in March, 1928. Since that time one of the worst depressions in history was experienced, but despite the unfavorable conditions in business generally, the building and loan association earned 6 per cent net for its shareholders. Very few business organizations made such a remarkable showing.

Share sales have been materially increased during the past one or two series, and a new record is predicted when the association opens its next series in September.

FORMER MARTIN RESIDENT DIES IN CHARLESTON

Herbert Peel Passes Away Wednesday Following Heart Attack

Herbert Peel, a native of Williamston, died suddenly at his home in Charleston, South Carolina, early last Wednesday morning following a heart attack. Mr. Peel is said to have suffered a heart attack while attending the Century of Progress in Chicago last summer and another later on, but apparently had been in good health since that time until he was stricken this week.

The son of the late Joseph Peel and wife, Mollie Peel, he was born here about 47 years ago. When a young man he moved to the South Carolina city, where he married Miss Adell Buck, and has since made his home. He successfully engaged in the stationery business there, and was held in high esteem by all who knew him. He and his family made visits to relatives here often, making their last trip during the Christmas holidays last year.

Besides his wife and two children, Mr. Peel is survived by three sisters, Mrs. Grover W. Hardison, of this place; Mrs. Lavenia Minga, and Miss Essie Peel, of Petersburg, Va.

Funeral services are being conducted from his late home today, and interment will be made in a cemetery there.

Misses Essie Peel, Mary Daves Hardison, Katherine Hardison and Mr. G. W. Hardison left here yesterday to attend the funeral.

Orthopedic Clinic To Be Continued at Tarboro

The orthopedic clinic so successfully started at Tarboro last month will continue. The next clinic will be held at the Presbyterian Sunday School building at 2 p. m. July 30th.

This service is free to all indigent cripples of any age and both races. It is hoped that full advantage will be taken at this opportunity. This clinic is sponsored by the Rotary Club of Tarboro.

Petition Presented To Open New Bank Here

Permission for opening a new bank here will be asked of the State Banking Commission in Raleigh tomorrow, according to information received here this morning. Petitioners will carry the request direct to Commissioner Gurney P. Hood tomorrow morning at 10 o'clock, it was stated.

Arrangements to open a bank were said to have been virtually completed by Greenville Banking and Trust Company authorities in a meeting held in Greenville last evening, further developments awaiting a decision by the State Banking Commission.

WHERE THEY PLAY

SATURDAY, JULY 28th
Elizabeth City at Williamston.
Ahoskie at Plymouth.
Bertie at Edenton.

MONDAY, JULY 30th
Edenton at Plymouth.
Williamston at Ahoskie.
Elizabeth City at Windsor.

TUESDAY, JULY 31st
Plymouth at Edenton.
Ahoskie at Williamston.
Bertie at Elizabeth City.

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 1st
Plymouth at Elizabeth City.
Williamston at Windsor.
Edenton at Ahoskie.

JUDGE BARNHILL WILL HEAR CASE IN ROCKY MOUNT

Plaintiffs Seek to Postpone Sale Until First Monday In November

Proceedings have been started in the courts demanding the postponement of sale for delinquent taxes until the first Monday in November, Attorney B. A. Critcher filing the complaint this week in behalf of C. H. Godwin, E. P. Cunningham, Luther Peel and other taxpayers of Martin County. A hearing in the matter is scheduled to be heard by Judge M. V. Barnhill, resident judge, in Rocky Mount on Friday of next week.

If a stay is granted delinquent property will not be advertised for sale before the first week in October for sale the first Monday in November. Should the injunction be dissolved by the court, Sheriff C. B. Koebuck will be directed to proceed with the advertising week after next, preparatory to the sale on the first Monday in September.

In presenting their complaint, the plaintiffs say they are owners of farm lands, machinery and mules, feed and supplies, and by reason of the general depressed conditions and slump in prices of farm products, have been unable to pay taxes assessed against their personal property and real estate and a large number of other citizens are in like plight, many of them never having before this time failed to pay taxes when finally due.

The complaint reads further, plaintiffs advise and believe and upon such information and belief allege that there is approximately \$56,785.40 of the taxes for 1933 in arrears and practically all of same is due and owed by land-owning farmers and there are around 1,500 persons in Martin County in default.

It is further pointed out by the plaintiffs that they and other taxpayers in the county in large numbers are without funds to pay their taxes and if the sheriff at this time of the year, seizes the property of such persons there will be no one able to buy the property and same will become a further burden upon the county.

The plaintiffs state as their belief that the commissioners are in sympathy with the postponement of the tax sales because they are of the opinion that it will be to the best interests of the people and the county. However, under the mandates of the law they considered it their duty to order the delinquent taxes sold on the first Monday in September.

In support of their plea, the plaintiffs further point out that the outlook for the price of farm products is so much better than it has been in the last three or four years, that they believe that if the tax sales are continued until the first Monday in November, 1934, that it will enable a great majority of the delinquent tax payers to pay their taxes and make unnecessary added expense and possible embarrassment.

The plaintiffs advanced a liberal collection percentage on the strength of the postponement of sales, stating that they believed 75 per cent of the unpaid amount would be collected on or by October 1. The plaintiffs also point out that if the sheriff is permitted to go ahead and advertise the taxes on the first Monday in August, they and other property owners will be irreparably damaged, that if the sale takes place before they have an opportunity to realize some money with which to pay their taxes that the law only provides now for 6 per cent and many of them, after being embarrassed, will then not pay the taxes for a long period, thus forcing the county to borrow money until the delinquent property owners pay.

A similar injunction was granted last year, and while tax collections are further advanced this year than last, it is the general belief that many of the now unpaid accounts will have been settled before October 1, if a stay is granted this year.

A similar injunction has been drawn against Collector W. B. Daniel forcing him to postpone the 1933 delinquent tax sales until the early part of November. A hearing will be held in this case at the same time Judge Barnhill decides the county issue.

Harrison Oil Co. To Build Filling Station

The Harrison Oil Company is placing equipment preparatory to the construction of a two-way drive filling station at the Jamesville and Washington road intersection some time next week. The station is the first designed here with drive ways facing two directions.