



## MARTINS WINTWO AND DROP TWO IN LAST 4 CONTESTS

### Number New Faces Seen in Line-Up With Others Contemplated

After exploring fifth place for a day or two, the Williamston Martins hurriedly started climbing again in the Coastal Plain League column of standings, and is now holding to four position with no great margin separating them from the leaders. The season is just a little over half finished, and strong reinforcements are being planned for the remaining games. Next week, the clubs will not be allowed to hire new players, and the local club officials, as well as others, are effecting numerous changes in their line-ups this week.

McCready has been released as first baseman, and Herbert Cheek took over that position last week. Doug Johnson and "Doc" Allen have been added to the pitching staff, and Johnnie Doyle is expected some time today or tomorrow for a trial behind the bat. Another pitcher is expected during the week and other changes are contemplated, the club officials said this morning.

The Martins dropped a close contest to Tarboro here last Friday, 5 to 4, when Brake, formerly in the local line up, returned with the Edgecombe boys and did some heavy hitting to score several of the visitors' runs. He batted .750, with 3 out of 4, to lead both teams. Marable, Goodmon, Leary and House, with two hits each, led the locals at bat, House taking top honors with a home run in the first inning.

Saturday, the Martins reversed the order and defeated Tarboro at Tarboro, 7 to 2, behind the 7 hit pitching of Dick Cherry. Hautz, Corbett, and Gaylord annexed three hits each, Gaylord and Hautz batting .750 each.

Sunday, the first time a scheduled game had been played on the Sabbath here, was Gaddy's day, the boy from Wake Forest turning Ayden back with three hits. While the score read 5 to 1, in favor of the locals, it should have been a shut-out. An error by Gaddy in the seventh accounted for the visitors' lone run.

Yesterday the Martins lost a hard-luck game when Snow Hill made seven hits off Morris and Johnson count for 7 runs. Griffin, right fielder for Snow Hill, hit a home run in the seventh off Johnson with three on. Cheek the new first baseman, led the locals at bat with three hits out of four trips. This afternoon the locals are playing Snow Hill a double-header, and tomorrow a double-bill is scheduled here with New Bern.

## Land Measurements In County Will Be Finished This Week

### Compliance Records Will Be Sent To Raleigh Immediately

All lands in this county under agricultural adjustment contracts will have been measured by the latter part of this week, Supervisor D. N. Hix said this morning, and compliance reports will be forwarded immediately to Raleigh and sent on from there to Washington. It is understood that well over 1,000 contracts have already been handled by the office in this county, and that nearly all the remaining compliance records will be ready for delivery to Raleigh within a comparatively short time.

Compliance records for tobacco will be sent first, and it is estimated that rental checks will be prepared and returned within three weeks following the arrival of the data in Washington. Excess acreages in many peanut crops have delayed the compliance, and records for peanuts will probably be the last to reach Washington, it is understood.

## White Woman in County Mother of Colored Child

Deplorable conditions have been reported by welfare workers and others in this county during the past year or two, but a record-breaker, it is believed, was uncovered this week when a white woman was learned to be the mother of a several-months-old negro baby. Few facts could be learned in connection with the case, other than that the family had moved to the Hamilton section from some other county some time ago and that the child had been kept in hiding. Their names were withheld.

It is understood that efforts will be made to return the family to its native county.

## Telegraph Boy Gets Thrill in County's First Plane Crash

Martin County's first airplane wreck was reported near here Sunday about noon, when a private plane, piloted by George Seay, of Norfolk, crashed into a tree on the E. P. Cunningham farm just across the railroad from the Edgewood dairy. No one was badly hurt, but considerable damage was done to the machine.

Rufus Cherry, Western Union telegraph boy here, was a passenger in the plane, and the short ride was, he said, his first and last. The engine is said to have developed trouble just as it was about to take off from the Edgewood Dairy pasture. The pilot could not stop and he could not gain

altitude. He went under the telegraph wires, but the wheels failed to clear a fence. The machine then jumped the railroad track and crashed into a cherry tree, smashing one wing and tearing other parts from the ship, and finally landing in Mr. Cunningham's tobacco patch.

Young Cherry stated the ride of about 350 yards cost him nothing, and the fact that he had to walk back seemed to be the worst feature of the accident for him.

The owners of the plane dismantled the wings in their entirety, placed the tail of the machine in the rumble seat of a car and towed it to Norfolk Sunday afternoon.

## Other County Towns Seeking Liquor Stores

### NOT SO GOOD

Making the first purchase of legal liquor at the Williamston store last Friday, Lawrence Griffin, young white man, later stated that he had better Martin County corn than that he got at the store. He explained that the particular store brand was of the cheaper grade, and added that he was going to purchase one of the best brands and if that was not a great deal better than the first he would be through with the whole control business.

## Liquor Law Headed For Test in County Within Few Weeks

### Appeals Likely If County Court Fines or Jails Violators

The Pasquotank liquor enforcement laws and all other alcoholic control provisions are subject to a test at once in this county. A preliminary test was scheduled a week ago, when several cases charging citizens with possession of bootleg liquor were called in the county court. Judge H. O. Peel continued judgment in the actions, and should he adjudge the defendants guilty they are likely to appeal, and it will be several weeks before the actions can be scheduled in the superior court.

Reliable reports indicate the alleged bootleggers and others on the side of home-made liquor will contest the control program advanced by the county authorities, the county control board, and others.

Numerous people are said to have discussed the situation with lawyers, and it appears lawful to possess a quantity of liquor and yet violate no state law. The only evidence carrying weight is when the law catches a sale, a rather difficult task, to say the least. At the same time the Federal authorities are armed with the proper weapons to war against bootleg liquor, its manufacture and sale, in any place and at any time.

## Mad Dog Killed in Farm Life Section Last Friday

A mad dog was killed in the Farm Life section late last Friday, the report stating that no people had been attacked but that he animal had fought a number of dogs over that section. The dog was killed by Nat Ellis, and a report from Raleigh, where the animal's head was sent, stated the animal was mad. Dog owners in Griffins are said to have started killing out their dogs known to have been attacked by the stray canine. Other dogs are being treated, it is understood.

## Mrs. Gladys G. Taylor Is Hurt in Wreck Sunday

Mrs. Gladys Gurganus Taylor was painfully cut about the head but not seriously last Sunday afternoon when the car in which she was riding crashed into a tree between Everetts and Bear Grass. She was treated here and is getting along all right. Miss Geraldine Badgett, driver of the car, escaped uninjured, it was reported. Miss Badgett lives in Tennessee, but was in the county visiting relatives.

## Big Increase in Lespedeza Plantings Are Reported

In 1924, one acre of lespedeza was planted in Alexander County; in 1935, there are 5,366 acres planted. This is 14.2 percent of the cultivated land in the county.

## No Action Will Be Taken on Requests For Several Weeks

### Jameville and Hamilton Make Applications To Control Board

Applications for the opening of two additional liquor stores, one at Jameville and one at Hamilton, have been received by the Martin County Alcoholic Beverage Control Board, it was learned from Board Chairman V. J. Spivey this week. Action on the two applications will be delayed several weeks, or until the operation of the stores already open at Williamston and Robersonville, and the one to be opened at Oak City can be observed, it was stated. While it is generally believed the Oak City, Robersonville and Williamston stores will adequately serve the territory, it is understood the control board might consider the opening of other stores mainly for creating stronger competition for the bootleggers in those centers.

The opening of the Oak City store, first planned for this week, will be delayed until next week, it was officially learned today. Repairs are necessary to the building before liquor sales can be handled, and it might be August 1 before arrangements for the opening can be completed, it was stated.

Liquor sales in the two stores already open continue fairly moderate in size, the Williamston store reporting approximately \$400 sales last Saturday, following a total of \$188 on Friday, the opening day.

Very few drunks were seen on the streets here over the week-end, those showing too much having been reported slightly off in their equilibrium before legal liquor went on sale.

## AGENT REPORTS ACTIVITIES FOR MONTH OF JUNE

### Leader of One Clubs Holds Demonstration With Colored Women

By Miss Lora E. Sleeper, Agent

**Foods and Nutrition**  
Eighteen food and nutrition leaders conducted nine meetings during the month. One leader after a successful meeting with her own club group met with 12 colored women. Bread making was the subject of all meetings, and very few women attending the meetings failed to practice the making of bread in their own homes. The colored women were most grateful and enthusiastic that Mrs. George Bailey was kind enough to meet with them, and teach them to make bread. There have been very few failures. A few of the women have even reported making loaf bread. One of the leader's sold hot rolls through the curb market for the first time during the past month.

**Clothing**  
Twenty-eight different homes of girls were visited during the month of June, and girls assisted with their project work in clothing. Wherever the girl's mother is a Home Demonstration club member, the mother has been requested to allow her daughter to assist in the making of bread. Girls visited during the month, at least the majority of them, reported having completed three pieces of work which was the required amount for attendance at camp and also the short course. Many of them are ready to complete their fourth and final piece of work for the year.

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## ENTERS NEW WORK



Recently resigning as pastor of the Williamston Memorial Baptist Church after nearly ten years of faithful and earnest service, Mr. Chas. H. Dickey has just accepted an important position with the North Carolina State Baptist Convention with headquarters in Raleigh. The family will move to Raleigh and Mr. Dickey will enter upon his new duties early in September.

## REV. C. H. DICKEY WILL LEAVE FOR RALEIGH SEPT. 1

### Local Pastor To Take Up Work of State-Wide Nature

After nearly ten years of service in the Memorial Baptist church here, the Rev. Charles H. Dickey and his family will move to Raleigh early in September, where Mr. Dickey will take up his new work with the North Carolina State Baptist Convention, with headquarters in that city.

At its June meeting the general board of the convention unanimously elected Mr. Dickey for work with the convention in the state. He goes on in a new capacity, expecting to devote much of his time to the publicity work of the denomination in this state. Up to now, there has been no publicity director for the vast organization.

And while he has been convention reporter for years, he will now be able to concentrate his efforts on this work throughout the state.

The North Carolina convention is a large organization, covering every one of the 100 counties in the state. The denomination has 69 associations, a half dozen colleges and educational institutions, 2,400 churches and a similar number of Sunday schools. In addition every department of church work is included in the set-up. The Baptists number near one-half million communicants in the state, with another half million constituency.

Mr. Dickey's work will include a program of publicity carried on in the denominational press, the daily and the county newspapers of the state—something like 200 of them in all. The plans contemplate radio broadcasting, as well as public addresses throughout the territory. This is the first time a program of this nature has been undertaken, and in looking for a man for the place, it was felt by the denomination's authorities that Mr. Dickey had fitted himself for just such a task.

His tenure of office in Williamston terminates with the month of August. Going immediately to Raleigh, he will have office space in the denomination's headquarters in Raleigh, which city is also admirably situated for news gathering and dissemination, both the Associated and the United Press organizations having offices there. Raleigh is strategically situated to the Baptist strongholds of the state, and Mr. Dickey will spend some time in the field in the interest of the general promotion efforts of his group.

Thus he goes from the service of one church to the service of 2,400; from work in one county to effort in the 100 counties of the state; from attempting to influence the course of his denomination in one segment of the state to a work that is calculated to influence the entire denominational set-up in the Commonwealth. He goes with the denomination immediately after his work is completed here, and will plunge at once into the fall's work, which always is heavy preceding the meetings of the 69 associations and the annual meeting of the convention in November.

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## Editor W. C. Manning Reported Better Today

Taken ill suddenly while visiting in Beaufort last Sunday afternoon, Editor W. C. Manning was reported much better today. He was able to return here last night and is now at home with his daughter, Mrs. E. S. Peel on Academy Street.

## Several Young Physicians Considering Location Here

Several promising young medical doctors were here a few days ago investigating the possibility of locating in Williamston, reports stating that each of the five would like to establish themselves here. The five young men came here one after another almost during last week, and all of them are said to have been favorably impressed with the territory.

No definite arrangements were made to locate here by any of them, as far as it could be learned, and while the number of people per doctor in this immediate section is probably greater

than the average, it is believed that the immediate location of additional members of the medical profession will be hardly possible until arrangements for offices could be handled.

None of the five doctors visiting here last week could be reached today, and just what they plan to do is not known.

All of the young men were told that Williamston is one of the best small towns in the whole country, that its people were the finest in the world, and that at least one more, and probably two, doctors could locate here with success.

## Birth and Death Rate Of County Increasing

### Number of Deaths Increase From 201 To 260 In One Year

### Colored Deaths Decrease in Number While White Ones Increase

Martin County's birth and death rates took a decided turn upward in 1934 over the rates for the previous year, it was learned from a review of vital statistics filed in the office of the register of deeds for this county: The death rate, a bit startling but possibly explainable, jumped from 8.5 to 11.1 per 1,000 population. In 1933 the death rate was lower by 2.7 persons per 1,000 population than it was in 1932. Year before last the birth rate was increased by only 70 points, the rate in 1934 being 3 persons per 1,000 population greater than it was in 1933.

There were 260 deaths and 794 births reported in the county last year, and while the number of white deaths increased from 73 in 1933 to 143 last year, the number of colored deaths decreased from 128 in 1933 to 117 last year, a rather unusual trend in vital statistics. At the same time, the number of white births were decreased by six, while the number of colored births was increased by 49 over those of 1933.

The death rate was increased in every township but three, Goose Nest, Hamilton and Williamston. Jamesville reported 40 deaths or 21 more than in 1933, and while Cross Roads did not have many, the number was more than twice as great last year as in 1933. Robersonville had 23 deaths in 1933 and 44 last year. The number of deaths in Williamston and Hamilton remained the same, while Goose Nest, the only township to report a decrease, had 27 or one less than the number in 1933.

Births decreased in five districts, Bear Grass, Cross Roads, Griffins, Robersonville and Williamston. Williams led the increase with 55 births as compared with 38 the year before, that district reporting the highest birth rate, 54.2, in the county. Poplar Point continued with a right healthy birth rate, the district reporting 47 births or more than 50 per 1,000 population.

Despite the increase in the death rate, the births continued to increase more rapidly or at about the proportion of three to one.

The number of illegitimate births showed a slight decrease last year from the year before, but even then about one out of every 25 children making his earthly appearance in this county last year was born out of wedlock. The number of illegitimate white children was reduced from nine to four, the shameful figure for the colored population standing at the enormous figure 88. The abundant harvest of the little brats, so termed for no fault of their own, was divided among the ten townships, as follows: Jamesville, one white and two colored; Williams, seven colored; Griffins, one each; Bear Grass, none reported; Williamston, 24, (15 in town and nine outside, and all colored); Cross Roads, three colored; Robersonville one white and 17 colored; Poplar Point, six colored; Hamilton, one white and 17 colored; Goose Nest, seven colored.

The number of deaths and births and resulting rates, by townships and (Continued on back page)

## Committees Cooperating To Build Up Agriculture

The county board of agriculture and the county cotton and tobacco committees are cooperating to build the agriculture of Pitt County. The three committee met recently, and are proposing a budget for the farm work of the county.

## SELECT FACULTY FOR JAMESVILLE SCHOOL FRIDAY

### Only Three Changes Made; Prof. James Uzzle Is Again Principal

Meeting last Friday evening, the local committee completed the Jamesville school faculty appointments, the first carrying only three changes. Announcing the appointments this week, Principal J. T. Uzzle stated that arrangements are virtually complete for starting the new term on the date to be determined by the county board of education. An opening date for the schools in this county has not been mentioned, but there is a probability the term will get underway between the ninth and middle of September.

Changes were made in the personnel for the seventh grade, science and history and English in the high school. Miss Sneed Leeson, teacher in the Dardens school and more recently a member of the Bear Grass faculty, has been assigned the seventh grade in the Jamesville school. Miss Leeson is well known in that section. Mr. Russell P. Martin, assistant principal at Bear Grass last term, will teach science and history; and Mrs. Charles Hough, of Dardens, will teach school English. Mrs. Hough was a former member of the Farm Life School faculty in this county. Miss Leeson is from Ocean View, Va., and has taught in this county several years. Mr. Martin is a native of Jamesville.

Other faculty members and their assigned grades are:

- First grade: Miss Emily Smithwick, of Windsor.
- Second grade: Miss Opal Brown, of Jamesville.
- Third grade: Mrs. Charles Davenport, of Jamesville.
- Fourth grade: Miss Margaret Moore Everett, of Robersonville.
- Fifth grade: Mrs. Andrew Holliday, of Jamesville.
- Sixth grade: Mrs. Rachel Godwin, of Conetoe.
- High School: French and mathematics: Miss Roslyn Satterwhite, of Farmville.

Professor James T. Uzzle, principal.

## Jamesville Is Going Forward With Plans For Water System

### Government Will Furnish 45 Percent of \$20,000 Estimated Cost

Plans are going forward for water and sewer systems at Jamesville, according to reports received here today following a recent meeting of the town authorities there. A preliminary survey of the proposed project calls for an expenditure of approximately \$20,000, it is understood. The government will appropriate 45 per cent of the amount, and it is planned to borrow the other 55 per cent and liquidate the debt from the revenue.

According to information reaching here, the authorities are planning to rush the project, with the possibility that definite action might be taken within the next few weeks.

A similar project is being considered at Everetts, but definite details have not been announced in connection with the progress of the project there.

The town of Jamesville, now with out a respectable jail, is also considering the construction of a new one, but the plans are pending, it was stated.

## Legion Auxiliary Meeting Saturday

The regular monthly meeting of the John Walton Hassell Post of the American Legion Auxiliary was held Saturday afternoon, July 20, in the home of Mrs. W. H. Gray, in Robersonville.

Election of officers took place, and the following were elected for the ensuing year: Mrs. Ray Goodmon, president; Mrs. W. E. Dunn, first vice president; Mrs. J. E. Harris, second vice president; Mrs. J. R. Winslow, treasurer; and Miss Eva Peele, secretary.

The auxiliary agreed to adopt the family of an Oteen veteran, and planned a shower for this family, consisting of a mother and six children, for Tuesday.

Next month was designated as "Visitation Month," and each member will endeavor to interest and obtain new members for the new year, which will begin in October.

Following the business session, Mrs. Gray served ice-cold watermelons.

### TOWN CREDIT GOOD

The soundness of Williamston's financial condition was well established last week, when the town sold \$5,000 in tax anticipation notes at one of the lowest interest rates ever in effect here. The sale was readily made to the Branch Banking and Trust Company, a local institution, and the notes bear 5 per cent interest. The sale was made through the Local Government Commission, Raleigh and was made necessary by improvements to Smithwick Street and the opening of Marshall Avenue.

## Number Arrests for Drunkenness About Same for Week-End

### Little Change Noted Since Advent of Legal Liquor In Martin County

The number of cases charging drunkenness in this county over the week-end, following the opening of legal liquor stores varied but little from the arrests reported week after week prior to the legal sale of liquor, it was learned from a review of activities in town and county courts today.

A drunken auto driver, Lester Whitaker, was arrested in Robersonville Saturday night and placed in the county jail Sunday. R. D. Spruill, local colored man, was jailed Sunday while about crazy drunk. Spruill bought a pint of store liquor Friday and told officers he was going to have a big time right on his front porch Sunday. He is understood to have consumed the store pint and added a pint of bootleg, missing by only a few drams an inward drowning. Several officers carried him to jail.

A third drunk was a man said to be from New York.

Mack Peterson, colored, was arrested for possessing about a quart of bootleg spirits, which he claimed to have bought from the control store.

Several other drunks were said to have roamed the streets, but narrowly escaped falling into the hands of the law, reports stated.

Officers continue their plans to deal bootlegging and illicit liquor manufacturing a death blow, but the success of their efforts depends upon the meaning of the law and actions of the courts.

## J. E. Pope Moving Office Here Today

Mr. J. E. Pope, local insurance man, is vacating the old N. S. Peel building next to the Williamston Cafe on Main Street and is locating in the Biggs Building next to Margolis Brothers Store today.

Arrangements are being made for renovating the Peel building for a mercantile establishment. The name of the tenant has not been announced, but it is understood a general merchandising firm plans to move here from Washington just as soon as the building is made ready for occupancy. The W. C. Bunch Barber Shop moved from the building a week ago, and was forced to suspend business, as an other location in town could not be found.

## Double Acreage Production With Herd and Lespedeza

Feeding a car of beef cattle and growing vetch and lespedeza on his farm each season has doubled the acre production on the farm of R. C. Williams of the Rock Rest Community in Union County.