



## TOBACCO AVERAGE IS \$18.36 HERE AT OPENING

### MARTINS WIND UP SEASON WITH WIN FROM GREENIES

Team Plays .500 Baseball, But Misses Semi-Finals By Narrow Margin

Williamston's baseball team ended the season here last Sunday afternoon in a spectacular win over Greenville, league-leading nine in the Coastal Plain loop. While the Martins failed to get into the semi-finals, they played .500 baseball to lead Goldsboro, New Bern, and Tarboro, and missed tying Ayden for fourth place in the standings by 3 1-2 games. Despite their fifth position, the Martins had a fairly successful season, and while arrangements have hardly been considered at this time, it is likely that the town will bid for entrance in the same league next year, one of the directors said this morning.

No definite report on the club finances was available today, one director stating that the deficit was comparatively small, considering the cost of operating the club this season. Any plans, if any, for raising the deficit were not revealed.

Greenville opened the semi-finals with Ayden by a win yesterday, while Kinston downed Sow Hill in the first of a series of five games to determine entrants into the little world series.

The Martins divided the last series with Tarboro, 5 to 3 Friday, and 2 to 0 Saturday, the Tar Babies taking the last game there. Sharpeyand Abbott pitched 6-hit ball for the opposing teams Saturday.

In the last game for the Martins here Sunday afternoon, Dick Cherry allowed the Greenies only 4 hits and fanned 7 to feature the 5-0 win. The Martins disbanded soon after the game, the several players returning to their respective homes for a brief vacation before returning to various colleges and universities.

### Robersonville Man Is Found Dead in Truck Early Sunday

No Evidence of Foul Play Found in Death of W. C. Satterwhite

W. C. Satterwhite, 32-year-old white man, was found dead in a truck just to the rear of the Cox Motor Company, Robersonville, early last Sunday morning. Unofficial reports indicating that the man's death was caused by overstimulation of the heart. County Coroner S. R. Biggs was called and examined the body with local doctors. They found no signs of foul play and said the man had been dead about eight hours. The coroner would not commit himself as to any definite cause for the man's death, but he explained there was no evidence of foul play.

Satterwhite, employed with relief forces at times and doing various jobs he could find, was said to have been drinking the evening before. When the body was found, it was lying on the truck seat cushion, which had been propped to make rest more comfortable.

Besides his widow, Satterwhite leaves two children, one six and the other four years old. They lived in Robersonville Township between Robersonville and Everetts. Funeral services were conducted yesterday afternoon and burial was in the Everett cemetery, near Robersonville.

### Episcopal Youth At Camp Leach

The Diocese of East Carolina will hold its camp for young people at Camp Leach for one week, beginning with supper Sunday, September 1, and continuing through dinner September 8. Because of its popularity, Camp Leach has appealed to the young people not only of the Episcopal church but to those of other churches. The cost for the camp this year is \$8, and as it is likely that there will be a large registration, the first 100 will be accommodated.

Those from Martin County who wish to attend Camp Leach may do so by seeing Rev. E. F. Moseley, or by sending registration direct to the business manager, Rev. Stephen Gardner, Washington, N. C.

### Manager Walker Busy With Preparations for Big Fair Here This Fall

#### NEW LIQUOR STORE

Martin County's fourth liquor store will be opened in Jamesville next Monday, it was learned from a member of the county liquor control board today. Arrangements for opening the new store today, no definite facts as to the location in Jamesville and the name of the operator having yet been released.

While there is an expressed opposition to the store by some people there, many urgent requests have been directed to the county board for a store, and it is understood the unit will be opened on a trial basis. If the store pays its way, it will likely continue operations; if not, its closing will be considered, it was stated.

#### CAN SELL ONLY

360 BASKETS AN HOUR BY CODE

Warehousemen Exceeding Limit Will Be Cited To Governing Code Council

In anticipation of crowded floors at next Monday's opening of sales warehouses in this belt, warehousemen have been reminded by the Warehousemen's Code Administrator of their agreement to hold sales down to 360 baskets of tobacco per hour and local warehousemen are in full agreement with Mr. Lanier's closing caution of "What's the hurry—let's give the farmer a break by allowing the buyers time to fairly judge each pile of tobacco."

Mr. Lanier's caution to warehousemen concludes: "We cannot allow any market to violate this rule, regarding sales without laying ourselves open to the charge that certain markets have been allowed a competitive advantage over other markets. Therefore, it is our firm intention to strictly enforce this provision, and to lodge a complaint with the Council for each violation by a warehouseman."

"Only by applying the same rule to all can this matter be handled satisfactorily. This letter will assure you that your competitor will not be allowed to sell faster than the rate prescribed, and will warn you that you will be cited before the Governing Council whenever you exceed this speed limit."

"I feel sure that you see our position in this matter and I confidently expect your cooperation."

#### Jailed for Alleged Theft Of Automobile Generator

Dick and "Butcher" Corey, both colored, were placed in the county jail here this week for the alleged theft of an automobile generator from Bud Wynne, farmer living near Everetts. The case will reach the county court probably next Tuesday.

#### Local Officers Report Two Arrested Over Week-End

The past week-end here was marked for its sobriety, local officers reporting only two arrests, despite the numerous activities carried on in preparing for the market opening yesterday. Blythe Pierce, of Poplar Point, was jailed Saturday and Dick Fagan was jailed Sunday for alleged drunkenness.

### To Have Many State Fair Features: List Is Being Prepared

Total of \$1,500 Offered in Agricultural Exhibits Premiums

Manager Harvey Walker, of the Greater Roanoke Fair, is now busily engaged in getting out the 1935 premium book; which will soon be ready for distribution. Mr. Walker has had various conferences with the county agent, the assistant county agent, and home demonstration agent, who has assisted him in preparing the premium book. The Fair Association will pay \$1,500 in agricultural premiums, which will be paid on Saturday of the fair week, according to Manager Walker.

The Greater Roanoke Fair is leased for the next five years to Mr. Norman Y. Chambliss, manager of the North Carolina State Fair, who promises to bring attractions that will be at the State Fair, including a revue, "The Sensations of 1935," carrying a cast of more than 75 people; and, in addition, there will be many other attractions afternoon and evening in front of the grandstand with fireworks every night. Horse lovers will be pleased to know that harness racing will be at the Roanoke Fair this year, as there will be two races on Tuesday and Wednesday and three on Thursday.

Tuesday will be children's day. All children under 16 years of age, of Martin and adjoining counties, will be admitted free when accompanied by parents or in a group with a teacher.

Much interest is being manifested in the announcement that Ralph A. Hankinson, who is the premier automobile racer, will stage automobile races at Williamston on Saturday of fair week. Mr. Hankinson was for years manager of Barney Oldfield, and his automobile races at Williamston will all be AAA sanctioned.

Manager Walker is greatly encouraged by the interest that the people are manifesting, and he states, "All we want is the full cooperation of the people of Williamston, Martin, and adjoining counties, and we guarantee to give this section a great fair, such as it deserves."

The Greater Roanoke Fair, up to a few years ago, was one of the best county fairs in North Carolina, and it is the general sentiment that the fair this year, under entirely new management, will be a great success. Messrs. Chambliss and Hamid have successfully operated the North Carolina State Fair for the past two years and are operating it this year. These gentlemen pulled the State Fair out of the "red," and now it is a paying event. In 1934 the State Fair, under the same management that the Williamston Fair will be, drew the largest crowd in years.

#### Accident Victim Recovers And Visits Here Last Week

Miss Thelma Rose, of Missouri and Tennessee, who was painfully injured in an automobile wreck near Palmyra the 11th of this month, is rapidly recovering. Mrs. Leggett, driver of the car and with whom Miss Rose is spending some time, is also getting along all right, it was learned from Mr. Robt. Everett, of Palmyra, who was accompanied by Miss Rose on a brief visit here last week.

### SPECIAL MEETING OF TOWN BOARD HELD LAST NIGHT

Construction of Warehouse And Wharf at River Is Being Considered

At a special meeting of the town commissioners here last evening, the authorities considered the construction of a \$2,400 warehouse and wharf on Roanoke River. No definite action was taken at the meeting, but the matter will be given special attention by a committee. The lessees agree to an increased rent, which will more than offset the project cost in about four years, it was stated. The renters pointed out that tobacco would be moving within a few days from this point to Atlantic ports for reshipment abroad.

C. W. Mackey, who is opening an automobile body and paint shop back of Harrison Brothers and Company Store, appeared before the authorities asking them to aid in establishing rights to a power line over property to the shop. The new industry is just off Railroad Street, but there is some difficulty in running high-powered lines along that street on account of telephone circuits, it was said. Mr. Mackey, who comes here with much experience in repairing car bodies bent in wrecks or otherwise, plans to start operations as soon as power is made available. In the meantime, rights for a power line extension will be considered by a special board committee.

The board ordered the paving of Smithwick and Biggs Streets entered on the books, there having been no complaints entered against the assessments.

Next Monday evening at 8 o'clock the board will hold its regular meeting.

### Mrs. Marina Moore Died Friday After Long Period Illness

Funeral Service Conducted At Home in Bear Grass Saturday Afternoon

Mrs. Marina Moore, highly respected woman of Bear Grass, died at her home there last Friday noon following a long period of ill health. She was 72 years old.

Mrs. Moore, a native and resident of the Bear Grass community all her life, was Miss Marina Wynn before her marriage in early womanhood. Mr. Moore died a number of years ago. She was a life-long member of the Free Will Baptist church, and was active in religious work until her health failed.

She leaves six children, Miss Fannie Moore, Mrs. Lena Wynn, Mrs. Emma Terry, all of Robersonville, and W. E. Moore, of Grimesland; Kelly Moore, of Williamston, and Louis Moore, of Robersonville. Funeral services were conducted from the late home Saturday afternoon at 2:30 o'clock by Rev. W. T. Pollock. Burial was in the family cemetery, near the home.

#### No One Badly Hurt in Auto Collision Saturday

No one was badly hurt and very little damage was done to the old Model T Ford, owned and driven by Ernie Gardner, and a Chevrolet owned and driven by Miss Carrie Roberson, crashed on the Jamesville road, near Gardner's Creek, last Saturday night. The left front fenders were torn from both cars, and the front left wheel on the Ford was smashed. Miss Ruby Barnhill, accompanying Miss Roberson, was slightly scratched.

### Break Larger Than Anticipated; 300,000 Pounds on Local Floors

#### Shortage of Unskilled Labor Retarding Operations Here

This hustling little town experienced another handicap in its steady and fairly rapid march toward recovery yesterday, when industrial activities reached a seasonal peak and there was not sufficient labor to man the machines and handle the many varied jobs that were available and literally going begging for workers. The situation was partially relieved when one firm trucked a number of workers from a distance of 11 miles or more, but one plant, the Farmville-Woodward Lumber Company stated they were short 15 or 20 men and could not operate at capacity production.

While wage, as a rule, are not high locally, they are considerably above the offerings coming from relief sources and are more than dou-

ble the wage scale proposed by the Works Progress Administration. That there are some men unemployed here is certain, and just how they manage to keep body and soul together is really a problem, and while they may have reasons of their own for not seeking employment, those reasons are not generally known.

It is generally believed the relief situation is fast drawing to a close in that employable persons will have to accept jobs on WPA projects at a very low wage scale or seek private jobs. The unemployable, as has been the case for some time, will have to continue to scratch for themselves the best way they can, since the local governments are not at all liberal when it comes to handing out free offerings.

### County White Schools Open September 16th

No Earlier Opening Will Be Sanctioned By Board of Health

Colored Schools Will Open One Week Later; Little Paralysis Danger

The Martin County white schools will start the 1935-36 term on Monday, September 16, it was announced today by the superintendent of schools, J. C. Manning. The opening date was determined by county education authorities following advice from the State Board of Health that any opening earlier than that date would not be sanctioned by the health authorities. The advice from the state health authorities is recognized to mean that there will be very little, if any, danger of additional cases of infantile paralysis resulting from the opening of the schools. Colored schools will not open in this county until the following Monday, or September 23.

Arrangements for starting the term are virtually complete, except the rerouting of the school busses by the State School Commission. Representatives of the commission are expected here within the next few days, or in time to complete the task of rerouting the busses before the schools open. No marked change in the present routing of the trucks is anticipated by county educational officials, but there might be some alterations made where busses have been operated on parallel routes in the past on account of county lines. Boundaries will be ignored in the rerouting of the trucks, and it is possible and quite likely that some Martin County children will attend school in another county, and children from other counties will attend in Martin where a saving can be effected by altering the truck routes.

The transportation of the children in this county is facing a critical situation, it is believed. Appropriations are considerably under those of last year and the year before, and if the amount is not increased, it is almost certain that the program will necessarily be curtailed before the term is completed. Just how a saving in the costs can be effected is (Continued on back page)

### Average Yesterday About Seven Cents Less Than Year Ago

Common Tobacco Regarded As Lower; Medium Grades Higher

Heavy offerings by growers and decreased prices from the high averages reported last season marked the opening of East Carolina tobacco markets yesterday, preliminary reports, based on estimates in most cases, indicating a shrinkage in price figures of from 5 to 8 cents a pound, compared with the 1934 opening day figures. While farmers were not at all jubilant over the prices they received for their offerings yesterday, and while the optimism held last year was absent, the opening yesterday heard no stinging complaints. However, farmers throughout the belt turned tags in large numbers, hoping for a price increase later on in the season.

Contrary to predictions, Williamston had one of the largest openings in years, the growers offering nearly 300,000 pounds of their first pullings for sale on the floors of the three large houses here. Visitors estimated to number more than 5,000 thronged the market center and town from early morning until late afternoon. Cars lined the business district two deep in places and extended for several blocks into the residential sections. The day marked the first holiday for many of the visitors in months, and while they were not joyful over prevailing prices, there was nothing to indicate they had lost all hope for the future.

Selling 217,052 pounds of what was described inferior quality tobacco, the local market officially averaged \$18.36 per 100 pounds to rank right at the top in sales yesterday. While no one company bought heavily, all bought some, and there was an apparent demand on the part of all companies for tobacco. The average yesterday was just about 7 cents under the opening day prices of last season, when 181,088 pounds were sold on the local market.

Prices here yesterday ranged from 5 to 40 cents, but it had to be mighty good tobacco to bring more than 30 cents. The 20 to 30 cent piles were numerous, farmers and others agreeing that those grades of tobacco were selling for about the same price as they did last season. The decrease was noticed in those grades that brought around 20 cents last year, the sales for those types falling as much as 10 cents a pound in some instances below opening-day prices in 1934.

For the most part the quality of tobacco offered on the market here yesterday, and on many other markets, too, was of inferior quality and consisted almost in their entirety of first primings. It is believed that the poorer quality effected a decrease of several cents in the average, but it is admitted by nearly every one that tobacco is cheaper than it was on opening day last year. Market observers are of the opinion that when better grades start reaching the market, the price will climb to and above the parity figure of 21 cents a pound.

Sales were started here yesterday morning promptly at 9 o'clock, following a short welcome address to the more than half thousand farmers by Mayor J. L. Hassell in the Planters Warehouse. Selling was carried on at a rapid clip until 5 that afternoon, leaving nearly 75,000 pounds of the offerings unsold. The block was cleared about 11 o'clock this morning, with prices little changed from the late averages of yesterday.

Offerings today were considered unusually heavy, following the large block yesterday. Sales Statistician McFarland stating shortly before noon that the floors would be cleared in about two hours, and the selling was completed before the buyers stopped for lunch.

Fair-sized sales are expected here during the remainder of the week, and substantial increases are assured in the days to follow, or just as soon as farmers find time to prepare their crops for market.

Professor Bryant Carstarphen and Sutton Carstarphen made a business trip to Baltimore during the past week-end.

## Growers' Comments Favorable To Local Market

Farmers selling tobacco on the local market yesterday were almost unanimously agreed that Williamston was one of the best, if not the best, places in the belt to sell tobacco. Reviewing the activities on this and other markets, the more than 100 farmers interviewed here yesterday readily stated that prices were lower than they were last season. They added, in most cases, that the quality of the offerings was inferior and that the prices were fair.

"I visited several markets during the day, and I am satisfied Williamston was just as high, if not a little higher, than any of them," one farmer voluntarily remarked.

"In my estimation, Williamston had one of the most auspicious openings of any of the five markets I visited yesterday," another farmer said this morning.

"I could see very little difference in the prices, quality considered, paid on any of the markets," a third farmer said late yesterday following

his return from three of the larger centers. He added that he was certain the best place to sell tobacco, in his estimation, was at the nearest market and readily asserted that every pound he owned would be placed on Williamston warehouse floors.

The high spot in comments was reached when two farmers, soon after their return from one of the larger markets, viewed a pile of tobacco on a local warehouse floor. One was certain, very certain, in fact,

that the particular pile of tobacco would have sold for 25 cents on the other market. The other was equally as certain that the tobacco brought 5 cents a pound more here than similar grades were selling for on the other market. The pile of tobacco sold for 20 cents, and while there was some good tobacco in it, there was much of the inferior quality. In short, poor grading proved costly in this particular case.

Bill Bland, expert tobacco farmer, stated that poor grading by the

growers was proving costly to them, and he pointed out several piles to prove his claim.

Jesse Rawls, Bear Grass farmer, said "I sold 870 pounds for \$242.28, or an average of around 28 cents on the market here, and while the price is some lower than I expected, it was fair." He added that no reliable price trend could be had, however, until the entire crop was sold and bills for two or more seasons were compared, and then quality must be considered.