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## MARTINS NOW IN THIRD PLACE AS RESULT 2 LOSSES

### Greenville Leading League By Very Small Margin At Present, However

After running a long winning streak to tie for top honors in the Coastal Plain loop, the Martins were turned back at Tarboro Sunday and again by Greenville here yesterday, the two defeats leaving the Martins holding to third place in the standings. But with five teams running close, a loss or a gain has a lot to do with locating a club. Greenville, holding top position just now, is only a game and a half ahead of the Martins, and Ayden, in second place, has only a one-game safety margin.

Over in Snow Hill last Friday, Dick Cherry, holder of the pitching honors in the league, turned in his fifth victory in as many starts. He held the Snow Hillers to 8 hits, while the Martins got next to Bumgarner for 13 to figure in the 5 to 4 win. Gaylord, with 3 hits, Black, Walters, House, Ferrell and Cherry with 2 hits each, featured with the stick.

Slim Gardner, making his first official appearance on the mound in some time for the Martins, turned Tarboro back here last Saturday 6 to 2, allowing the visitors but six hits. Slim also held his own at bat with the rest of the boys when he landed a ball in the far-off schoolhouse door. The Bunnies were leading in the second frame 2 to 0, but the boy from down Jamesville way settled down and allowed only 1 hit after that inning.

Tarboro converted 5 hits into 3 runs there Sunday to turn back the Martins, 3 to 2, the game rating with the best seen in the league this season. Corbitt, Walters, Douglass and House registered the 5 hits for the Martins, Douglass getting two.

Yesterday the heavy hitters from over in Pitt County came here to stage one of those brutal assaults and to walk off with a 9-to-7 victory. Wade started for the locals and was succeeded in the fifth by Livengood after yielding 9 hits and 5 runs. In the fifth Livengood gave up 5 hits that went for 4 runs, and Armstrong took over the duties and held the Greenies at bay from then on. The visitors, with 14 of their 16 hits already in the back, and holding a 9-run lead, had things pretty much their own way, but the Martins started an attack of their own that netted 11 hits and fell just two runs short of knotting the score. The mighty May was sent to the showers after yielding 8 hits, 5 of them in the sixth. Clement went in and he was followed by Mattson, the locals pounding each of them. Walters led at bat for Williamston with 3 hits, while Hitchcock tore loose with a single, double, triple and a home run to figure prominently in the Greenies' victory.

## Two Men Arrested In Connection With Meat-Stealing Case

### Henry D. Griggs Released Following Questioning By County Officers

J. Leon Wynn, young white man of Robersonville Township, was arrested there late Saturday night for the alleged theft of nine hams from Farmer W. K. Roebuck in the same township earlier that evening. Henry D. Griggs, colored, was arrested the following morning in connection with the case, it was learned from the sheriff's office yesterday.

According to information released by Deputy J. H. Roebuck, young Wynne went to the Roebuck home early Saturday evening, entered the kitchen while the family was away, found the smokehouse key and gained a ready entrance to the meat storage house. Unable to dispose of the meat at Williamston or Robersonville, Wynne sold the meat to employees at a lumber camp in Robersonville Township.

At one of the stations where Wynne tried to sell the meat, some one noticed and remembered the license number of his car. The numbers were checked and officers went to the Wynn home and found salt and grease spots in the car, and the young man admitted the charge. He refused to tell where the meat was, claiming that it was stolen from him while he attempted to arrange a sale. Griggs, arrested the next morning by a deputy, refused at first to admit any knowledge of the theft, but when closely questioned, he told where the meat had been sold.

Griggs was released from jail yesterday after Wynn absolved him.

## County Typhoid Campaign Is Entering Its Second Week

Martin County's anti-typhoid fever drive enters its second week trailing the record established three years ago, incomplete reports from the first-week dispensaries indicate. The vaccine has been given to thousands, but unless there is an increase in the number applying for the protection this week it is quite evident that less than half the population in the county will be immune from the disease.

The county's health officer, Dr. J. H. Saunders, was forced from active service by illness this week, and while he will be missed in the drive

the work continues. It is hoped he will be able to return within a few days.

This week affords the last chance to start taking the vaccine and complete the course within the prescribed time.

A record for the campaign was reported here last Friday, when more than 1,500 took the vaccine.

The schedule in effect last week will be repeated this week and during the next two weeks. Locally, the second week dispensaries will be held here Friday, for the whites that morning and for the colored that afternoon.

## Drop in County Vote Looked for Saturday

### SUMMER WEATHER

Summer, officially recognized some over a week ago, came into its very own here today when the mercury started climbing to new high marks for the season. Thermometer readings as high as 95 in the shade and 110 degrees in the sun were recorded here this morning at 11:30 o'clock. And the weather man is offering no immediate relief of consequence.

To the south, the mercury reached as high as 105 in Atlanta, a new high record for the month there.

## ASSISTANT POLL HOLDER NAMED FOR HAMILTON

### Action of County Board of Elections Does Not Meet With General Approval

Appointing Wade Everett as assistant poll holder, county election officials yesterday considered the election snarl in Hamilton precinct settled, temporarily, at least, as far as they are concerned, it was unofficially learned here today.

Directing strong charges against Mr. John A. Davenport, registrar for the precinct, twenty or more citizens there asked that he be dismissed from service. The county board held an impromptu hearing there last week and tried to settle the differences amicably by assuring the voters steps would be taken to insure a smooth primary on Saturday of this week. Mr. Everett's appointment was made yesterday.

Reports from the precinct received here today indicated that the action of the board did not meet with unanimous approval, and that Mr. Davenport's continued presence as an official at the polling place would cause many people to take part in the election on Saturday of this week. No objection was directed at the appointment of Mr. Everett, however. "We had rather not vote than go to the polls and have any more trouble," several prominent citizens in the precinct are credited with saying following the action of the board permitting the registrar to remain in office.

According to reports received several days ago, officials of the county election board will watch closely the activities in the precinct polling place Saturday of this week. Mr. Sylvester Peel, chairman, explaining at that time that he might sit with the local officials all that day.

Activities in the precinct during the past few days are almost certain to promote close observance of the election laws within the polling place there Saturday, but to what extent, if any, the trouble will affect the size of vote cannot be determined.

### Old Town Scores 8 to 5 Victory Over New Town

Behind the pitcings of Jack Sullivan, the Old Town baseball boys turned back the New Town lads here yesterday morning 8 to 5.

Boykin and Roberson pitched for New Town.

### Legion Auxiliary Meeting Postponed Until July 11

The regular monthly meeting of the American Legion Auxiliary, due to be held Saturday, July 4, has been postponed until Saturday July 11, and will be held with Mrs. J. H. Ayers in Oak City.

## COLORED MAN IS KILLED SUNDAY; STRUCK BY AUTO

### Second Victim of Auto On Highway of County So Far This Year

The automobile took its second life on the highways of this county so far this year last Sunday morning when Leroy Andrews, 35-year-old colored man, was struck and fatally hurt by a car driven by Willie Lee Moore, of Bethel, about one mile west of Robersonville. Suffering a broken back and other injuries, Andrews died at his home, near Robersonville, that afternoon about 3 o'clock.

A passenger in a car that was headed toward Bethel, Andrews got out when the machine stopped and started across the highway, walking or staggering into the path of the Moore automobile. Andrews was said to have been drinking, and reports indicate he was partly responsible for his death. Moore was arrested and placed in jail to await a hearing. Investigating the case, patrolmen found the Moore car was being operated with improper brakes and the steering wheel was in a bad state of repair. It is expected that a manslaughter charge will be brought against Moore.

The killing Sunday is a forerunner of what might be expected next weekend when the holiday crowds start moving over the highways of this and other counties of the state.

Andrews' death came just a little over a month after Glenn Capenhart, young white man, lost his life in a car-truck crash in Bear Grass Township, near the Martin-Beaufort line.

## Mrs. S. D. Gurganus Dies at Her Home in Williams Township

### Funeral Services Held At 3:00 P. M. Yesterday; Burial Here

Mrs. Mahala Jane Gurganus, widow of Simon D. Gurganus, died at the home of her son, Mr. Billie Gurganus, in Williams Township, last Sunday afternoon. Despite her advanced age of 87 years, she was active until just a short while before her death. She suffered an attack of pneumonia about two years ago, but recovered fully from that and was thought to be getting along very well until about 6:30 o'clock Sunday morning, when she started to get up and suffered a stroke of paralysis. Members of the family heard her fall, but she had lapsed into unconsciousness before they could reach her and she never rallied.

Mrs. Gurganus was born in this township, but spent most of her early life in Cross Roads. In young womanhood she was married to Simon D. Gurganus, who died about 30 years ago. Mrs. Gurganus experienced the hardships created by civil war strife and witnessed the marked changes in the social and economic order during several generations, but in all that time she adhered to a principle of simplicity and devotion to duties in her home.

She affiliated with the church 69 years ago, remaining a faithful servant to its doctrines until the end.

She leaves four children, J. K. Gurganus, of Everett; J. Henry, William D., and Robert Gurganus, all of Williamston. She also leaves 26 grandchildren and 19 great-grandchildren.

Funeral services were held at her late home yesterday afternoon at 3 o'clock by Rev. J. M. Perry, her pastor, and interment followed in the local cemetery.

## Several Apply for Local School Job

Several applications for the principalship of the local schools have been received here following the resignation of Professor D. N. Hix a few days ago, it was learned from the office of the county superintendent of schools today. Among the applications is that of Professor Paul Daniel, former superintendent of the Raleigh city schools.

None of the applications has been given consideration by the local board at this time, but arrangements are being considered for an interview with all the applicants to be held in Raleigh within the next few days. Pending the election of a principal, other vacancies in the local school faculty will remain unfilled, it is understood.

## Successful Year on Local Tobacco Market Anticipated; Preparations By Warehousemen Go Forward

## County Farming Conditions Said To Be Best in Some Time

While considerable damage has been done to the tobacco crop in scattered sections as a result of the recent rains, the farming situation as a whole, was yesterday said by some farmers to be nearing an ideal season in this section. The high temperatures during the past few days and nights started crops growing in a big way, and even though the acreage in some crops has been decreased, the farming outlook is considered more encouraging than at any time this season.

Tobacco curing, said to have started over in Lenoir County a few days ago when a single farmer cured a lone barn, will be getting underway all over the section in a short while.

A few of the early curings in South Carolina offered for sale to independent buyers are said to have averaged as high as 20 cents a pound.

Reports from most sections of Georgia indicate there is a splendid crop in the making there.

## Robt. W. McFarland Is Again Named as Supervisor of Sales

### Carlyle Langley Associated With Roanoke-Dixie Coming Season

With the opening of the tobacco-marketing season just about two months off, the Williamston market is fast completing arrangements for what promises to be a successful year. The operating personnel, announced several weeks ago, has been added to, giving the market one of its strongest selling organizations in many years.

Messrs. S. Claude Griffin and Jule James, lessees of the Roanoke-Dixie Warehouse, will have associated with them Carlyle Langley for the coming season. Mr. Langley was a third proprietor of the Planters Warehouse here during the past two seasons, and is widely known throughout this section of the state as a progressive and leading tobaccocon.

Mr. George Foxworth, operator of the Planters house here during the past two seasons, returns to that position, bringing with him probably one of the best-known tobacco men in the section. Mr. Holt Evans, a prominent figure on the Robersonville-market for the past several seasons, will be associated with Mr. Foxworth at the Planters this coming season.

At the Farmers-Warehouse, Messrs. Leman Barnhill and W. R. Ingram will again head the selling force, the two men having successfully operated the house during the past number of seasons. Each of the houses will have capable assistants in every department, and the warehouse operators are looking for a season that will prove successful to every one.

Robert W. McFarland, veteran tobaccocon and possessor of a splendid record as sales supervisor on Eastern Carolina Tobacco markets, will head the sales organization on the local market this year for the third season, it was announced by the chairman of the local tobacco board of trade yesterday following the formal signing of a contract a short while before. Mr. McFarland, employed to do special work on the Georgia and South Carolina markets, will report here about the middle of August.

Coming here two years ago, Mr. McFarland has been closely identified with the growth and advancement of the Williamston market. During that time, the market experienced two of its best seasons, and the veteran with a keen eye on the future is optimistic over the outlook for the coming fall.

The opening dates have not been determined so far, but they will be announced early in July, following a meeting of the United States Tobacco Association.

## Change Is Made in Seed Loan Personnel

A change in the personnel in seed and feed loan administration personnel in this district was effected yesterday when Mr. J. D. Wordsworth was transferred to Durham, and this county was added to the Beaufort County office, with Roy Hearne in charge.

The decrease in the number of loans made this year was given as the main cause for combining the districts, it was learned. No all-time office will be maintained in this county, but Mr. Hearne will spend much of his time in this district checking the loans advanced in this county. There were 120 loans made in this county, representing approximately \$17,000.

### Oak City Man Arrested For Possession of Liquor

Eddie Salsbury, colored tenant on the farm of Constable Edmond Early in the Oak City section, was arrested by the officer, assisted by Sheriff C. B. Roebuck, last Saturday afternoon, for possessing six quarts of liquor allegedly for sale. He was released under bond until his case is called in the county court.

## Daily Bible School Closed Two Weeks Term Friday Night

Friday marked the close of a successful two week's daily Vacation Bible school, sponsored by the local churches and directed by Rev. J. H. Smith.

Despite several days of rainy weather, the school maintained good attendance, the average for the total enrollment of 218 students and workers being 160.4 or 73.57 percent in regular attendance. Fifty-five pupils received certificates for study and perfect attendance.

On Friday evening commencement exercises were held in the Baptist church, a very appreciative yet small number of patrons attending. The church was beautifully decorated by Mrs. G. P. Hall, chairman of the church floral committee for June. The program scheme was very complete in that it portrayed the actual activities of the various departments in their daily sessions.

The daily offerings for missions, amounting to \$14.79, will be sent to Mont Lawn Home, N. Y., to help give vacation to 200,000 children living in slums, who otherwise would never even get out of the streets.

Director Smith pronounced the school the most effective he had ever worked in and wishes to thank all who assisted for their cheerful cooperation and service.

### Construction To Start On Several New Homes Here

Construction of a new home for Mr. and Mrs. John Henry Edwards on the corner of Haughton and Warren Street will get underway this week. The house will be one story and of wood construction.

Mr. H. H. Cowen is also planning the construction of another home on West Main Street, work to get underway at once.

Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Hardison are also planning the construction of a home on Elm Street next to the Enrights.