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MARTINS STILL IN TOP PLACE; LOSE 1 OF LAST THREE

Leading Greenville Team By Two and One-Half Games at Present

After exchanging positions with Greenville almost daily for more than a week, the Martins finally stepped out in front last week, when they turned Greenville back on three separate occasions. The three victories gave the Martins undisputed right to the Coastal Plain top rung, and a win over Kinston Saturday for the locals, while Greenville went down at the hands of Snow Hill increased the lead to a three-game margin. However the Martins lost and the Greensies won Sunday, but the Martins picked up a half game yesterday, when Kinston defeated the Greensies in a play-off of a rained-out game, while the locals were idle.

Cherry again mastered the Greensies last Friday for the second time during the week. Playing over in the Pitt metropolis, the Martins hit Billett and May for 12 blows to register a 6-2 win. Cherry led Greenville down with only 5 hits, 4 of them coming in the fifth inning to account for the Greensies' two runs. Corbitt led at bat for the Martins with 3 hits.

A close decision in the ninth inning, with two out, gave Williamston a 6-5 victory over Kinston here last Saturday. Gaylord tripled after the first two men had gone out in that frame and scored when Corbitt was safe on a close play at first. Each team got 10 hits, Charlie Keller leading the visitors with 3 and Corbitt making 3 for 4 for the Martins.

Sunday, Kinston reversed the situation and won from Williamston by a 6-3 score. The Eagles made 3 runs in the second inning and accounted for 1 each in the third, fourth and sixth frames. Livengood held the Eagles to 9 hits, while the Martins touched Rambert for 10 blows, Black leading with 3 out of 5 chances.

Hearing Postponed In Slaying of Negro

A preliminary hearing, tentatively scheduled for last Saturday was postponed, and it could not be learned today when Gordon Albritton would be given a chance to advance his side of the case growing out of the killing of Ottis Spencer, colored, on East Main Street here last Sunday a week ago. Albritton continues in the county jail.

A hearing was also postponed in the case charging Frank Smith with an assault with a deadly weapon on William Williams, colored, here last Tuesday night. The hearing was to have been held yesterday, but reports indicated that Williams was not able to be present at that time. It is understood that the trouble, if any, leading up to the shooting has been forgotten, and that all parties will maintain the attack was purely accidental.

Defendants in \$20,000 Suit To Hold Meeting Tonight

The 20 citizens who signed a petition seeking the removal of Mr. J. A. Davenport as registrar of Hamilton Precinct are planning to hold a joint meeting in Hamilton immediately and consider plans for their defense, according to unofficial information received here Monday. Other than the proposed meeting, there have been no developments in the case since last Thursday, when the complaint was entered in the county superior court records.

The plaintiff is suing for \$20,000.

Annual Masonic Picnic on July 30

The 31st annual Masonic picnic will be held at Tuscarora Beach, in Winton, Thursday of this week, on July 30, the sponsors announcing yesterday that extensive arrangements are being made for the event. All proceeds will be turned over to the Masonic orphanage at Oxford.

Darden's Store Starts Big Sale Here Next Saturday

Beginning Saturday morning of this week, Darden's Department store here will stage a big mid-summer clearance sale, the management announcing today that every item of merchandise will be offered at greatly reduced prices. The store will be closed all day Friday in preparation of the big selling event.

Compliance Work Held Up By Delay in Securing Forms

Work due to have been started weeks ago in checking compliance in connection with the government's soil conservation program is still being held up, information coming from the county agent's office stating that nothing could be done until certain forms and instructions are received. The forms were promised by the government printers two weeks ago, and probably some sections have been supplied with them, but the office in this county is not expecting the blanks within the next several days.

In the meantime arrangements are being made locally to start the work immediately after the blanks are delivered. Seventy-five or more supervisors who will handle the land measurements are likely to be notified probably next week when to report for further instructions. No supervisor appointments have been definitely made, Mr. T. B. Slade, the county supervisor of the work, said, but about two-thirds of the applicants will be assigned work in the big measuring task.

In an effort to push the work along as rapidly as possible after it is once started, the authorities are urging all farmers to prepare a sketch showing an outline of their fields and have it ready for the supervisors or surveyors.

It is understood that the compliance sheets call for measurements of ditches, paths and roads, as well as the actual acreage planted to the several cash, soil-conserving and soil-building crops.

Baseball Booster Day Here Next Thursday

With thermometer readings as high as 100 in the shade reported locally yesterday, the weather came to the front as one of the main topics of conversation, and it now looks as if the topic will remain unchanged today. To aggravate the situation, the weather men promise no immediate relief.

The torrid heat has slowed down activities in general around here. There were more farmers on the streets yesterday than there are ordinarily to be found on Monday. Rains last week started tobacco fields turning green again, slowing down harvesting work and giving many growers welcome relief during the siege of hot weather.

Joseph W. Pugh Dies At Hamilton Home Monday Afternoon

Funeral Services Will Be Held In Lewiston Wednesday

Joseph W. Pugh, descendant of a prominent North Carolina family, died at his home in Hamilton Monday afternoon in his eighty-first year. He had been in declining health for about four years, and had been confined to his bed by a complication of ailments during much of the past several months.

Funeral services will be conducted Wednesday afternoon at 3:00 o'clock in Lewiston by Rev. E. F. Moseley, rector of St. Martin's Episcopal Church, Hamilton. Burial will follow in Bertie County.

Mr. Pugh, great-great-grandson of William Williams, colonel of the Martin County Militia during the Revolutionary War and the man who laid out the town of Williamston and for whom it was named, was born in Bertie County October 14, 1855, son of the late Jos. Pugh and wife. He lived in Bertie and Martin Counties all his life, moving to Hamilton about 40 years ago. Giving up his farm activities a number of years ago, Mr. Pugh, since then, spent much time turkey hunting until his health began to fail four years ago. He was considered one of the best turkey hunters in the two counties.

Mr. Pugh, who was Miss Capt. tola McRae before marriage, survives with six children. Their names are, Jos. Norton Pugh, Lucille Pugh, Mrs. Ethel Suggs, Mrs. Mildred Beach and Mrs. Mary B. Sterling, all of New York, and Jas. M. Pugh, of Hamilton.

Local Power Company Announces Promotions

The Virginia Electric and Power Company, through its local manager, R. H. Goodmon, announced today the promotion of Sands Smith, district accountant for the company, to the firm's main offices in Richmond, effective Saturday of this week. Mr. Smith will be succeeded here by James L. Harris, Jr., and Dillon Cobb was promoted to Mr. Harris' position. A successor to Mr. Cobb has not yet been named by the company.

Mr. Smith, employed by the company in its office here since last April, plans to leave the latter part of this week for Richmond.

START CHECK-UP ON HAIL DAMAGE TO FARM CROPS

Tenants Are Reported To Have Abandoned Farms Where Hail Struck

An official check-up on the hail damage done a week ago to approximately 2,000 acres of tobacco in sections of this, Pitt and Edgecombe Counties gets underway today. Several companies are sending out inspectors and adjusters from local insurance offices, and unofficial reports received here today indicated that the American Red Cross would conduct a survey of the affected territory. Harry A. Biggs, chairman of the Martin County chapter of the Red Cross organization, could not be reached today to give credence to the report, but late reports from the stricken areas are such as to merit attention by the Red Cross and allied relief agencies.

Tenants and sharecroppers were reported abandoning the farms where the storm centered, entering the field of private employment where it could be found. Finding their crops ruined, there was little or no need to rejoin the workers, unofficial but considered reliable reports stated this morning.

Landowners are making hurried arrangements to substitute crops for those ruined by the hail falling on Tuesday afternoon of last week. Efforts will be made by most of the farmers to participate to the maximum extent in the government's soil conservation program. But for all of the farmers in the main path of the destructive storm operations this year will be made at a decided loss.

J. C. Eubanks Succeeds Jordan at Jamesville

J. C. Eubanks, Mississippi State College graduate, has been elected a member of the Jamesville High School faculty and will succeed R. C. Jordan as teacher of vocational agriculture there, it was learned from the office of the county board of education today. Mr. Eubanks, holder of a master of arts degree, is a young man and comes to this county highly recommended. He is expected to report at the school the latter part of this week and begin work next Monday.

Construction Work Begins On New Buildings Here

Construction work was started yesterday on a new home for Mr. and Mrs. D. V. Clayton—over on Warren Street, near the home of Miss Kate Philpot. Work was also started on a duplex home on Marshall Avenue and two stores on Houghton Street next to the Planters Tobacco Warehouse.

Hardy Clemmons, Colored, Badly Hurt in Attack Here

Hardy Clemmons, 13-year old colored boy, was badly hurt last Sunday evening when hit by a brick thrown by Bud Thompson, colored, on Sycamore Street. Reports stated that Clemmons was hurt in his side but that he was expected to recover.

Thompson and his girl were said to have been quarreling along the street, and the boy was attacked when he attempted to listen to the argument.

Additional Cotton Checks Ready for County Farmers

Approximately \$500 in cotton price adjustment checks are being distributed to farmers in the county this week. More than \$5,000 have been paid to Martin farmers in the form of the cotton price adjustment payments, Mr. T. B. Slade, of the county agricultural office, explained.

Legion Auxiliary Meeting Postponed for One Week

A meeting of the County American Legion Auxiliary, scheduled to be held with Mrs. J. R. Winslow on Saturday of this week, has been postponed until the following Saturday, it was announced today.

Guilford Farmers Building Up Lands at Small Cost

The terracing unit in Guilford County is subsiding land from 18 to 26 inches deep at a cost of \$2.00 an acre for 18 inches and \$2.75 an acre at a greater depth.

Cabarrus Poultrymen Are Vaccinating Their Chicks

Cabarrus County poultrymen are vaccinating their pullets against fowl pox saying that this prevents heavy losses.

Recover Bodies of Three Negro Men Drowned While in Bathing Near Here Yesterday Afternoon

Tobacco Curing Progressing Rapidly on Farms in Section

Tobacco curing is general throughout this section, with many farmers having already pulled more than half way up the stalk, but, as one farmer said, they "don't have to get so dern high to get half way up the stalk." He supported his statement by saying that it was impossible to find the top, middle section, or bottom, when the leaves looked more like rabbit ears than tobacco. Many 20-foot tobacco barns are being fired with not more than 200 or 300 sticks in them, when ordinarily they hold between 1,00 and 1,200 sticks.

As a result of drought conditions in other tobacco-growing sections the United States Department of Agriculture is predicting the smallest tobacco crop in recent history, and in making this report it is very evident their forecasters visited Martin County. Unless heavy rains give the tobacco a second growth many farmers are not expecting more than 50 per cent of a normal crop.

Road Meeting Is Held In Washington Today

Discuss Method of Presenting Claims Before Commission

Members of Commission To Hold Meet in Raleigh Tomorrow

Representatives from Eastern Counties interested in the road bond adjustment campaign are meeting in Washington today to discuss the method of procedure in the matter of presenting the claims of the various counties to the fact-finding commission recently appointed by the Governor, according to a statement made by N. G. Bartlett, secretary, Eastern Carolina Chamber of Commerce, the sponsoring organization of the meeting. Regional meetings will be held in Statesville and Asheville within the next week or 10 days to arrange with the counties in that area for appearance before the commission.

Fate of State Radio System Now in Hands of Budget Advisory Commission

Scheduled to hold their August meeting next Monday, the members of the State Budget Advisory Commission are expected to take some action on a proposed radio system for the State Highway Patrol. The system has been approved by certain authorities, but the highway chairman, Capus Waynick, is said not to favor the transfer of money from the highway fund for the purchase of the equipment.

Preliminary tests for installation of the equipment were made several months ago, the engineers selecting Williamston as a site for one of the broadcasting units.

Installation of a Police Radio System for the State Highway Patrol Will Save Citizens of North Carolina \$1,500,000 a Year in Lost, Stolen and Damaged Property—So Thinks Captain Charles D. Farmer

Use of the radio would reduce by 20 or 30 per cent the number of cars stolen in the state, Captain Farmer believes. Approximately 3,500 vehicles are stolen each year.

In addition, the patrol chief believes the radio system would save citizens considerable expense and effort in attempts to recover stolen property. The system can be used by other state departments to advantage, he suggested. For example, forest fires, disturbances, riots, and other extraordinary happenings could be reported by radio, the patrol chief said.

Arrest Negro for Making Threats

Champ Scott, young colored man, was arrested yesterday morning by Officer Allsbrook for allegedly threatening the life of Lula Long, colored woman, at her home on Warren Street the night before. He was bound over to the county court for trial today, Justice Hassell requiring bond in the sum of \$100. Unable to raise the amount, the boy went to jail.

Scott denied the charge, stating that he did not have a pistol at the time.

The young negro was in the courts several months ago, when he shot and killed a man at the home of his mother on Church Street. He gained his freedom at that time by claiming the shooting was done in defense of his mother.

First Study Class Held In Baptist Church Last Night

By Rev. J. H. SMITH

There is a pleasant breeze in the Baptist church.

The study course class held its first meeting last night with an attendance of 10. Many no doubt remained away because they thought it would be terribly hot in church, but Mr. Lamm was kind to let us use his big fan that makes the church one of the coolest places in town.

Now, Mr. Murphy is a splendid teacher, and we want to take advantage of our opportunity this week to study with him. Study—an interesting word. It will never do for Mrs. Murphy to have an enrollment of thirty (she had that many to begin with at Everetts) and Mr. Murphy only ten. We are looking for you to come tonight and every night following.

Local High School Band Stages Minstrel Friday

Staging their minstrel show in Scotland Neck last Friday night, members of the local high school band barely made expenses, Director Bobbitt said following his return here. Heavy rains limited the admissions, it was said.

Dr. Evans Moves Office To Smithwick Street Building

Dr. W. F. Evans, formerly located on the second floor of the Margolis Bros. store has moved his office to the building on Smithwick Street just back of the Hotel George Reynolds.

None of Three Able To Swim; Found in Ten Feet of Water

John Wallace, Ed Moore And John Wallace Are Accident Victims

Three Williamston colored men, John Wallace, 40; Buster Cross, 37; and Ed Moore, 25, were accidentally drowned in a swimming hole about 4 miles from here in Bertie County yesterday afternoon, the tragedy being traceable indirectly to the extremely hot weather. Facts surrounding the death of the three men will probably never be known, as no one witnessed the drowning. They are thought to have drowned about 2:30, and the bodies were recovered about two hours later from the same spot.

Employed by Mr. J. Robert Everett, the three men were hauling sand from a pit across the road from the swimming hole. Handling two trucks, the three men left here about 2:20, and it is thought they decided to take time out and go swimming. None of the three men could swim and it is possible two of them drowned trying to save the other when he got into water about 10 feet deep. When the three men failed to return about 4 o'clock, Mr. Everett went to the sand pit and found one of the trucks there empty, and the other one some distance away, or near the swimming hole. Mr. Everett saw where the men had pulled off their clothes and left them in front of the truck. He called to them and when they failed to answer he returned here and summoned aid to make an investigation. The bodies were recovered a short while after that by Officer Allsbrook, Pat Baker, and Ernest Cox.

Several white boys, one from here went swimming in the hole about 1 o'clock, left about 2 and returned there a short while later. The truck was there when the boys returned, but they saw no one and, after taking another dip, they departed, the general opinion being that the bodies of the three men were in the water at the time.

Declaring the drownings accidental, Bertie authorities deemed no inquest necessary.

Cross, a native of Williams Township, will be buried there tomorrow. He leaves a wife and five children. Moore, single, will be buried in Everettts, his former home, Thursday afternoon. Wallace, also a native of the Everettts section, will be buried there Sunday, according to present plans. Wallace leaves a wife and five children, the mother being confined to a Washington hospital at the present time.

The tragedy yesterday brings the total of untimely deaths among the colored race in this county during the past two weeks to eight. Three men were killed two weeks ago last Sunday in an automobile wreck; one was shot and killed here a week ago last Sunday and another was accidentally killed by a rolling log near Jamesville Monday of last week.

Peters Resigns as Coach at School

Professor James "Frosty" Peters, popular athletic coach in the local schools for the past three terms, resigned the post yesterday to accept a position in the Burlington schools, it was officially announced here this morning. "While I enjoy living here and have had the cooperation of the school officials and others, I find it advisable to make the change," Coach Peters said in announcing his decision to quit his work here. He will leave here the early part of September for his new work.

Coming here three years ago, the Wake Forest College football star soon built up winning teams, and during the period he has been here his boys lost only one football game.

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