

## MARTINS STILL IN FIRST PLACE; WIN, LOSE WITH BEARS

### James Sudduth Signed Up To Play with Martins In Centerfield

"Peahead" Walker's Martins continue to fly high in the Coastal Plain baseball reservation, and are now holding top position by 2 1-2 games over the Greensies, runners-up. While Williamston is holding tight the top rung, Ayden and Greenville are battling for second place, with Greenville holding the edge.

So far this week the Martins have been in action only twice, the boys enjoying a rest last Monday and the rain keeping them idle yesterday. And the weather this morning indicated there would be no game this afternoon.

In the two games played this week, the Martins divided with the New Bern Bruins, the locals dropping one of the best games of the season here last Tuesday afternoon, 3 to 2. The visitors scored in the first on a home run by Burnette. Walters duplicated the feat for the Martins in the fourth to tie the score. New Bern made another score in the eighth, and the Martins knotted the count in the same inning. No scoring was recorded in the ninth and tenth, but in the eleventh frame, Pete Jacobs, first up, doubled and scored on Mewborn's double after two were out. Black opened with a single for the Martins at their next turn at bat, but the next three men went out, ending the game. Wade allowed 10 hits, but kept them pretty well scattered. Joe Webb getting 3 of the number. Corbitt, Walters and Black with 2 each, accounted for 6 of the Martins' 8 hits.

Overcoming a 3-run lead the Bears annexed in the first inning, the Martins staged a comeback in the second and third innings to score 4 runs and added 2 more in the fifth to register a 6 to 3 win. Cherry started for the Martins, but was relieved in the second by Armstrong, who allowed only 5 hits during the remainder of the game and received credit for the win. Seven of the Martins got one hit each to account for 6 runs.

Starting tomorrow, the clubs will be allowed to make no new additions to their rosters, several of the teams announcing last-minute changes. Henry House gives up his position in centerfield, a young recruit, James Sudduth, of South Carolina, taking over the midway post. Sudduth came in yesterday from Shelby with a batting average of around .350 and a number of home runs to his credit. Joe Webb was seen traveling through here yesterday from New Bern to his home in Edenton.

## Hail Losses Being Paid by Insurance Firms This Week

### No Action Taken In Storm Stricken Area by Red Cross Organization

Very liberal allowances were reported today following a three-day inspection of hail damage in the Parmele, Bethel, and Hassell sections. Adjusters working out of Williamston insurance offices have already paid out approximately \$6,000 to policyholders, one report stating that the allowances were complete and highly pleasing to those fortunate enough to have had insurance.

It could not be learned just how much insurance was carried in the storm-stricken area, but it is thought that less than 8 per cent of the territory was protected against loss.

Reports stated early this week that it was possible the Red Cross would extend aid to those suffering total losses, but if the organization has taken any action in the area its activities could not be learned here today.

## Services in the Church of The Advent for Sunday

Church of the Advent  
Rev. E. F. Moseley, rector.  
Eighth Sunday after Trinity.  
Church School, 9:45 a. m.  
Holy Communion and sermon, 11 a. m.

## Schedule of Services in the Baptist Church Sunday

Bible school, 9:45 a. m.  
Morning worship, 11 a. m., subject, "Rest for the Tiring and Burdened."  
B. T. U., 7 p. m.  
Evening worship in union service at Presbyterian church, 8 p. m.

## Storm Threatens But Passes Over, Doing Little Damage

One of the blackest clouds seen here in years, passed over this section early Wednesday evening, but comparatively little rain fell locally. Accompanied by strong winds, the cloud darkened the sky in a very few minutes, and the roar of the wind could be heard above the sound of an automobile motor. As far as it could be learned no great damage was done to crops or other property in this section, a few farmers stating yesterday that their corn was tangled right badly, but that the damage was only slight.

Hail was said to have struck between Bethel and Conetoe to the west of here and in the Sunbury section of Gates County. In Pitt

County, where the storm struck, damage was limited to a small area, it was said. Several farmers reported total losses on their tobacco and most other crops there.

Short but heavy showers fell on after the storm struck here, but only a fraction over an inch was reported up to 8 o'clock the following morning. During the remainder of yesterday about 2 inches of rain fell here, the precipitation of about 3 inches being general over a large area.

Over in Pasquotank a tornado struck, tearing down a \$2,000 negro school building and damaging timber over a mile-long path about 100 feet in width.

## Georgia Markets To Open Next Tuesday

### WEATHER CHANGE

After sweltering in 100-degree heat for several days, local people crawled under blankets by night and started firing their stoves by day to cope with one of the most marked temperature changes felt here in some time. After hanging around the 100-degree mark during the early part of the week, the mercury started tumbling Wednesday night, and this morning it was down to 64, a change of 34 degrees.

The sudden weather change and large rains during the past 24 hours are said to be bad on tobacco.

## NUMBER CASES TRIED TUESDAY COUNTY COURT

### Ten Cases Disposed of Despite Heat; Large Crowd Spectators

Despite the unusually warm weather large crowds were in attendance upon the regular session of the county court Tuesday. When Judge Peel disposed of 10 cases. In the absence of the solicitor, Attorney R. L. Coburn prosecuted the docket, making a perfect score. Several road sentences were meted out, and the court imposed fines amounting to \$100. A three-months road sentence was suspended upon the payment of the cost and a \$50 fine in the case charging Clayton Bailey with violating the liquor laws. A similar judgment was entered in the case charging Clayton Beacham with violating the liquor laws.

Judgment was suspended upon the payment of the cost in the case charging George Mizelle with speeding.

Will D. Bell was sentenced to the roads for a period of 90 days for alleged violation of the liquor laws.

Clarence Teel drew six months on the roads for larceny and receiving.

John Henry Mills, charged with larceny and receiving, was sentenced to the roads for three months.

Champ Scott, charged with carrying a concealed weapon and an assault, was found guilty of disorderly conduct and drew 30 days on the roads.

A three-months jail sentence was suspended in the case charging Jessie Mae Cooper with larceny and receiving upon condition the defendant leave Martin County for two years.

Clyde Silverthorne, charged with disorderly conduct, was given a 30-day suspended road sentence when the state hospital reported they were unable to receive him under order of court as of July 21.

## Legion Post Wins Membership Cup

The John Walton Hassell American Legion Post was awarded a trophy at the State Legion meeting held in Asheville this week for the largest percentage of increase in membership of any post in the State during the past year. The post reported a membership increase of 225 per cent during the period and won the class "C" trophy. This post had previously won the class "D" trophy twice in succession.

H. L. Swain, retiring commander of the county post, was made commander of the fourth district, embracing posts in Martin, Bertie, and Northampton Counties.

## Number of Local Men Are Leaving For Opening Sales

### Much Interest Attached To Sales This Year; First Since AAA Death

The opening of the Georgia tobacco markets next Tuesday is being awaited with probably more interest this season than any in recent years. The marketing season opens for the first time since the three A's were invalidated and with no definite control plans for the future. While Georgia has a substantial increase in the crop this year, other belts are predicting a considerable shortage, advancing the problem as to whether the large Georgia crop will tend to hold prices down or the short crop in other belts will tend to hold prices up to a reasonable figure.

Ordinarily the marketing activities in Georgia offer no definite criteria for predicting prices in this tobacco belt, but it is possible to get some idea of the price trend. Probably it may be that prices will open in Georgia Tuesday slightly higher than they were a year ago, but not as high as those expected in this belt. Last year, the markets in Georgia average around 20 cents opening day, the prices ranging from 6 to 33 cents. No great increase over that figure is expected when the season formally gets underway there next Tuesday.

South Carolina opens August 13, the markets in this belt starting the season Tuesday, September 1, or almost one week later than the opening last season.

Local tobaccoists are leaving this week to figure in the marketing of the Georgia crop and a part of the Florida offerings.

W. R. Ingram will be on the Douglas market. James E. Griffin leaves Sunday for Valdosta, where he will be on the market this year. Robert Edwards leaves today for Douglas. E. P. Cunningham left last night for Vidalia. Others are planning to leave for the markets in Georgia and South Carolina later, it is understood.

Marketing activities last a very short time in the Georgia belt, and the local tobaccoists will leave in ample time to handle the activities in this belt.

## Mrs. Mary Jenkins Dies at Parmele

Mrs. Mary Jenkins, highly respected citizen of Parmele, died at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Dawson Matthews, there early last Wednesday morning following a long period of declining health. She was around 80 years of age, and a native of this county.

In early womanhood she was married to George Nelson, who died a number of years ago. Three children, Tom Nelson, of Wilmington; Will Nelson, of Petersburg; and Mrs. Henry Coburn, of Blackstone, Va., survive the union.

Her second husband was Bob Jenkins, who died several years ago. Two children survive that union. Their names are Jim Jenkins and Mrs. Dawson Matthews, both of Parmele. She also leaves a number of grandchildren and great-grandchildren, and one great-great-grandchild.

Funeral services were conducted in the Primitive Baptist church at Robersonville by Elder B. S. Cowin Thursday afternoon at 3 o'clock. Burial was in the New Cemetery at Robersonville.

## EXPECT SETTLE BOUNDARY LINE LOCATION SOON

### H. G. Connor, Wilson Man, Member of Arbitration Committee of Three

The dispute as to the location of the Martin-Beaufort boundary line is expected to get attention some time during the latter part of August or early September, according to Attorney Hugh G. Horton, representing this county as a member of the arbitration board of three men. Plans for handling the controversy have been pending for some time, but with the recent appointment of Mr. Henry G. Connor, well-known Wilson attorney, as a third member of the arbitration board, it is now believed a settlement can be effected within the next four to six weeks. Mr. Horton represents this county, and Attorney W. B. Rodman is representing Beaufort County on the board.

Just why and when the old poscosin land took on so much value after all these years and the cause for the controversy has not been learned. Martin's neighbors are said to be claiming a good-sized strip of land, but the commissioners of this county are disputing their claim. Unable to settle the matter between themselves, the board of commissioners agreed to have a board of three men, one from each of the two counties and another from neutral territory, to settle the controversy and locate the line.

According to present plans, the three men will make a personal inspection of the disputed territory by walking from one end of it to the other. In planning an early inspection of the territory, those appointed to handle the controversy probably did not consider the large number of rattlesnakes reported in the vast stretch of woods. Probably the possible danger will be considered, prolonging the efforts to have the controversy settled.

## Defendants in Suit Select Attorneys at Meet Last Tuesday

### Attorneys E. S. Peel and Hugh G. Horton Will Represent Defense

Holding a meeting in Hamilton last Tuesday night, defendants in the \$20,000 damage suit brought by J. A. Davenport made preliminary plans to fight the case, it was learned here yesterday. Elbert S. Peel and Hugh G. Horton, local attorneys, were named to represent the 20 defendants.

The complaint was filed in the case by Attorneys Coburn and Coburn for the plaintiff last week, giving the defense until the 23rd of August to file an answer. The answer will be prepared immediately, however, Attorney Peel said this morning. The nature of the answer and a definite date when it will be filed could not be learned.

Claiming his character was defamed in a petition signed by the 20 defendants to have him removed as registrar of Hamilton Precinct, Mr. Davenport included every one of the petition signers in his suit.

The complaint intimates that the trouble was the result of keen interest shown in the first primary held on June 6 by the plaintiff, favoring one candidate, and the defendants favoring another. No mention of the candidates' names was made in the complaint, but it is understood Davenport was a McDonald supporter and members of the defense were for Sandy Graham.

## Paper Issuing Last Call To Delinquent Subscribers

In accordance with an announcement made several days ago, The Enterprise will revise its mailing list tomorrow, and all those subscribers who have not paid their subscriptions in advance are urged to do so at once. These subscribers to do so at once. These subscriptions not paid up to date will be necessarily discontinued.

## Finds Two Developed Hearts in Chicken Here

Two hearts both fully developed, were found in a chicken by Mr. Thodore Roberson at his Sunny Side Inn on the Washington-Road last Tuesday. The chicken weighed about 2 pounds.

Mr. Roberson stated that he had dressed thousands of chickens, but that was the first time he had ever found one with two distinct hearts.

## County Plans To File Claim for \$401,908 Immediately With State Commission Recently Appointed

### Baseball Booster Day Rained Out; To Be Observed Tuesday

Rained out yesterday, the big booster day planned for the Williamston baseball club has now been set for next Tuesday. It was officially announced today. The \$1 booster tickets will be accepted that day and plans for a complete program, just as had been arranged for yesterday, will be followed, it was said.

Several hundred tickets have

been sold, and the program with its 50 prizes to be awarded during the game is attracting more attention. With favorable weather prevailing that day, a large crowd is expected for the event next Tuesday afternoon.

The Martins meet Snow Hill that afternoon, and "Skipper" Walker is planning to have the fans receive their money's worth to the penny.

## Group Perfects Its Organization; Carl Bailey Is Chairman

### Road Debt Commission To Hold Next Meeting August 28th

Martin County will make immediate plans to file its claim to \$401,908 road refunds at the invitation of the County Road Claims Commission received yesterday. The commission, just recently appointed by Governor J. C. B. Ehringhaus, perfected its organization at a meeting held in Raleigh Wednesday, with Senator Carl L. Bailey, of Washington County, as chairman.

Its organization perfected, the commission directed invitations to the 44 counties already asking refunds and to the 56 others to file any possible claims by the 25th of August that they may be considered by the commission three days later. During the month of September, the commission plans to hold regional meetings, probably at Kinston, Raleigh, and Asheville, where the counties may support their claims. Just prior to the holding of the regional meetings, the commission will call on the highway commission to present its evidence and comments on the claims. The commission has until November 1 to file its report, it is understood.

The total amount claimed by the 44 counties already asking a refund is approximately \$8,500,000.

Sold on the idea of advancing a good roads program and with the assurance that the counties would participate in the revenue raised by gasoline taxes, many of the counties advanced sizeable sums of money. In some instances, it is understood that the money was paid into the highway fund and the roads were actually built in other sections of the state. Other counties, not depending upon the revenue from gasoline taxes, stipulated that the loans should be repaid, and they have been repaid. Another group of counties participated in financing the construction of main highways or those highways connecting county seats. There will still other counties to advance money for what may be termed local roads.

Martin County advanced around \$400,000, a greater part of which was used for the construction of the Roanoke River bridge and causeway, an improved road to the Halifax County line, the surfacing of highway 17 to the Beaufort line and for paving Highway 64 from near Parmele to the Washington County line.

During a short period the county shared in the gasoline tax, but that source of revenue was discontinued to this and other counties, throwing the burden of financing the program on owners of real property. Martin County's rate and the rates in some of the other counties, as a rule, are almost double what they would be had the road debt been cared for by gas tax revenue.

At a meeting held in Washington last Tuesday, officials of the Eastern Carolina Chamber of Commerce and representatives of several counties, including Mr. John E. Pope, chairman, and E. S. Peel, attorney for this county, outlined plans for presenting the claims of this and a number of the other counties.

## Require \$500 Bond In Albritton Case

Gordon Albritton, jr., young colored man, charged with killing Otis Spencer, colored, on East Main Street here on July 19, was released under \$500 bond by Justice John L. Hassell following a preliminary hearing held yesterday morning. The father of the alleged killer stood the bond, and Albritton gained his freedom until the third Monday in September, when his case goes before the Martin County grand jury.

Albritton, through his attorney, Elbert S. Peel, waived examination, the justice fixing the small bond after questioning officers who had investigated the case. Statements made by Sheriff C. B. Roebuck and Officer Allshrooks clearly indicated Albritton killed Spencer in self-defense, but it was not specifically pointed out at the hearing yesterday how and why the trouble that led to the fatal climax started.

## Budget Estimate for County Summarized

### Increases in Health, Debt Service Funds Keeps Rate at \$1.43

### Budget Likely To Be Approved at Meeting of Board Monday

With its budget requirements increased by nearly \$17,000 for the current fiscal year, Martin County will be unable to effect a reduction in its \$1.43 tax rate during the period, it was learned following a review of the budget at a recent meeting of the commissioners, and it is expected that the same rate will be levied by the commissioners at their next regular meeting next Monday.

The skimming and saving made last year to hold the rate down present a problem this year, the budget showing necessary increases in the rates for public health activities, county debt service, and capital outlay and debt service for the schools this year. A reduced rate to finance the county's general activities was made possible by a \$300,000 increase in property valuation and revenue from liquor sales.

This year the health fund is several thousand dollars more than it was a year ago. To meet the county debt requirements this year approximately \$4,000 more are needed. The poor fund, while carrying the same rate, calls for an increase of about 1,200. Capital outlay for new school buildings and a teacherage at Bear Grass increased the budget requirements by about \$3,300. Debt service for the schools, including that added to handle the new building program now nearing completion, jumped the rate 4 cents, the amount increasing from \$49,061 to \$53,900.

The only reductions in the budget come in the county general fund, a drop of 7 cents on the \$100 property valuations, and in the current expense funds for the schools, which is lower by 1-1-2 cents than it was a year ago.

The total budget requirements this year are \$196,084.52, as against \$179,168.02 a year ago, the difference of about \$17,000 being cared for by an increased property valuation, liquor sale profits and an expected increase in other revenues, including such items as court costs and fines, and schedule B taxes.

Other than the final adoption of the budget and definitely fixing the tax rate, the county commissioners are understood to have very little business scheduled for consideration at their regular meeting Monday. A jury list for the two weeks term of superior court convening the third Monday in September will be drawn, and other routine matters will be handled.

## Schedule of Presbyterian Services in the County

Williamston  
9:45 a. m.—Sunday school, Mr. E. P. Cunningham, superintendent.  
There will be no morning preaching service, but the union service will be conducted in this church at 8 o'clock. All are cordially invited to worship with us.  
Bear Grass  
10 a. m.—Sunday school, Mr. Pete Mendenhall, superintendent.  
7:15 p. m.—Young people's vesper service on church lawn.  
8:15 p. m.—Evening worship  
Roberson's Chapel  
4 p. m.—Sunday school, Mr. Chesley Jones, superintendent.  
Poplar Point  
2 p. m.—Preaching service.

### FARM BUILDING

With an appropriation of approximately \$7,000 now available from the Works Progress Administration, construction of an agricultural building for this county is expected to get underway on the project about the middle or latter part of August. It was officially learned today from Mr. J. E. Pope, chairman of the Martin County Board of Commissioners.

WPA officials were here this morning making arrangements for starting the work just as soon as a deed is passed for the lot facing Main Street and adjoining the county courthouse.

## TOBACCO MEET FAVORS STATE COMPACT LAWS

### C. U. Rogers, County Man, Made Alternate on State Advisory Committee

County tobacco committeemen from over the several belts, meeting in Raleigh yesterday, perfected an organization and went on record as strongly favoring some form of compact legislation. The tobacco farmer representatives heard J. B. Hutson, former chief of the AAA tobacco section and now director of the soil improvement program in the East Central region. Mr. Hutson explained that the compact plan as passed by the last Congress would give growers control over tobacco production and marketing similar to that obtained with the Kerr-Smith act. Mr. Hutson added that the advisory committee and the North Carolina General Assembly may work out a plan of control somewhat different from that, however.

The State tobacco advisory committee, including C. Urbin Rogers, of this county as an alternate, was named, and the committee is expected to meet soon with Clyde R. Hoey, Democratic nominee for governor, to work out a legislative program designed to aid tobacco farmers, it is understood.

Messrs. J. G. Staton, H. S. Everett, C. U. Rogers and M. L. Barnes attended the meeting from this county.

## Officers Destroy Liquor Plant

Sheriff C. B. Roebuck and Roy Peel destroyed a liquor plant in Williamston Township on the old Greenville road late Tuesday afternoon. The operator had just moved the still and quit the plant, but the officers destroyed several hundred gallons of beer and some plant equipment. The fire at the plant was still burning when the officers reached the scene.

## Teacher Reports for Work In School at Jamesville

J. C. Eubanks, recently elected to succeed R. C. Jordan, resigned, as teacher of agriculture in the Jamesville High School, entered upon his new duties there today. Mr. Eubanks is a native of Lucedale, Mississippi, and holds a master of arts degree from Mississippi State College.