

LOCALS STILL OUT IN FRONT WITH LEAD 3 1-2 GAMES

Larry Wade Hurls Second Shutout for Martins This Season

While Greenville lost to Ayden, the Williamston Martins defeated the rejuvenated Tarboro team here yesterday to tighten their hold on the top position in the Coastal Plain League, the Walker lads leading the field by 3 1-2 games today. The Greenies, after commanding the best positions in the league during much of the current season fell into a tie with Ayden yesterday for second position. Tarboro still maintained its position over Snow Hill and is trailing Kingston by 1 1-2 games.

Coming here last Tuesday, Snow Hill was favored with the breaks and took a 4 to 2 decision over the Martins. Both teams batted on even terms, but errors proved costly for the locals and turned the score around. Earp led at bat, with 2 hits, for the Martins. Hampton went the route for the visitors, while Dean, Livengood, and Armstrong did the mound work for the Martins.

Over in Snow Hill Wednesday, the Martins staged another of their batting attacks and annexed 16 hits off four of Snow Hill's mound staff. Walters batted 1.000 with his four singles in as many turns at bat. Sudduth, recently included in the lineup for the Martins, featured the attack with a home run, two doubles and a single in his five trips to the bat. Cherry held the Greene County boys to 3 hits until the eighth, when they tore loose to score 4 runs. Armstrong finished the game, the Snow Hill team getting a total of 9 hits during the contest. Gaylord, Corbitt, Ferrell and Cherry got 2 hits each to push the total to 16.

Tarboro, after cutting a swipe in the league for the past week, was turned back by the Martins here yesterday, 6 to 0. Wade pitching his second shut-out—and the only two for the Martins—this season. He allowed the Bunnies only 4 hits, while Williamston touched Virant for 12 safeties, one a home run in the first by Walters with one on. Corbitt, with 3 hits for 4 tries, led the locals, followed by Walters and Wade with 2 each. Tarboro got only one man as far as second base after the first inning.

Nation Building Contracts Up \$13,500,000 In a Week

New York, July 30.—Symptoms of continued improvement in heavy industry dominated the business scene yesterday.

Engineering construction awards jumped to \$34,600,000 for the week ended Tuesday from \$21,054,000 in the like week a year ago, Engineering News-Record reported.

Observers were heartened by the faster flow of private dollars into the building field. Private contracts were up to \$9,780,000 from \$7,477,000 in the corresponding period of 1935.

This acceleration of some 30 percent in the rate of private spending indicates two important factors, analysts said.

First, it means that the pace of recovery has put industrial management and other owners of funds into a more aggressive spending mood.

Second, it bears witness to the wear and tear imposed on plant and equipment during the depression years.

Health Report For Last Month

With only one case of typhoid reported so far, Martin County is holding its own against the fever this year. A lone case was reported in the Hamilton section during last month. The only other communicable diseases reported during the period to the county health office were two cases of whooping cough and one case of chickenpox.

No One Hurt When Truck Sideswipes Car Near Here

Jas. L. Ezzell and his young child and Mr. Ezzell's mother escaped with minor injuries when their car, a Chevrolet sedan, was sideswiped by a truck, owned by W. R. Davenport, of Creswell, near Holly Springs church on the Jamesville highway late last night. Considerable damage was done to the car, it was said.

The Ezzells were on their way from Jamesville to Rocky Mount.

Messrs. Beny Holden, John Hill and Bill Hendricks, of Youngsville, are spending a few days here fox hunting. A big chase was reported near here this morning.

Possibility of Warren Getting Job Keeps Candidates Active

While there have been no new developments in connection with the prospective appointment of Representative Lindsay Warren to the position of comptroller-general, aspirants to the office now occupied by the Congressman are said to be continuing their campaigns for the seat and when and if it is vacated by Mr. Warren. Probably as many as 20 names have been mentioned in connection with the campaign, described by some as being a bit forward. Solicitor Leary, of the first judicial district, has made a canvass of the First Congressional District, and M. K. Blount, of Greenville, has traveled from one end to

the other one or more times, according to reports.

Although President Roosevelt has not appointed anyone to the position the Association for the Advancement of Colored People has already become active and filed protests against the prospective appointment of Mr. Warren. It was this association that played an active part in the Senate rejection of Judge John J. Parker, of Charlotte, for the U. S. Supreme Court during the Hoover administration. Probably the association became active as a result of Mr. Warren's connection with the operation of the House restaurant some months ago.

Housing Shortage Is Still Serious Locally

START WORK

Preliminary construction work on a 7,600-volt power and light line to the town of Bear Grass was started yesterday, representatives of the Virginia Electric & Power Company, builders of the project, stating that standard-volt lights could be turned on in the little city within the next three weeks.

The line, probably the longest considered in this county in connection with the rural electrification program, will serve at once around 40 customers, and there is a possibility that the line will be extended later on to serve a considerably larger number. Plans for an extension from the town of Bear Grass have been considered, but they have not taken definite form at this time, it is understood.

HALF DOZEN ARE TRIED IN COUNTY COURT TUESDAY

Summer Slump in Activities Reaches Court Session This Week

The summer slump finally reached Judge Peel's county court this week, the tribunal disposing of only a half dozen cases in its Tuesday session, and most of them were minor ones.

Frank Smith, the colored man who shot and painfully hurt William Williams, colored, the 21st of July, was found not guilty. The evidence tended to show that the shooting was all in fun and purely accidental. The evidence did not offer to explain what the outcome would have been had Smith been mad with the victim of the pistol shot.

Pleading guilty of violating the liquor laws, B. M. Halslip was fined \$25 and taxed with the cost.

Robert Moore was sentenced to the roads for two months in the case charging him with larceny and receiving.

Ira Edmondson was found guilty of an assault with a deadly weapon, but the case was continued under prayer for judgment.

Charged with assaulting another with a deadly weapon, Walter Freeman was sentenced to the roads for four months. Freeman was tried on a larceny and receiving count in the county court last March, the judge suspending judgment upon condition he pay the cost. Freeman failed to meet the judgment requirements and 30 days were added to his sentence this week.

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Federal Agents Wreck Liquor Plants in County

Starting yesterday what appears to be an extensive drive against the illicit liquor manufacturing business in this county, federal agents with the aid of county officers destroyed six liquor plants in three districts and poured out several gallons of beer according to unofficial information reaching here today.

The raiders, numbering nine, conducted drives in this and Bertie County yesterday, but as far as it could be learned not a single arrest was effected.

Three of the six plants wrecked in this county were in Jamesville Township, two in Griffins and one in Bear Grass.

Number Employed Here Are Forced To Live in Other Towns

Construction Program Now Underway on Large Scale Here

Although experiencing one of its greatest building years, Williamston is still confronted with a marked shortage of homes and business houses, a survey of building activities revealed this week. Present indications point to one of the worst congested periods this fall ever experienced here. Rooms are already at a premium, and dozens of applications are received by owners of houses when one is vacated. Tobaccoists have already canvassed the town for quarters during the tobacco season opening next month, and while local people, hotels and others are doing all they can to meet the emergency, it is quite evident that the demands cannot be adequately handled.

At the present time there are nearly half a hundred people holding steady jobs in Williamston who live in near-by towns or in the surrounding community. They come from Jamesville, Everetts, Hamilton, Washington and other places in the morning and return late in the afternoon, some often remaining over for the evening show or leisurely chats around the drug stores, hotels, and even on the sidewalks. Many of these commuters want to locate here, but suitable living quarters cannot be found.

The extensive building program now underway offers no great relief, and a home for rent brings a greater premium now than at any time since the war. Expenditures for construction of new homes and business houses so far in 1936 are nearing the \$100,000 mark, the building activities apparently now at a peak for the year. Construction work on 14 new homes has already been completed this year, or is now underway here, and plans are being prepared for others. Three business houses will be added to the list of new buildings before the year is spent, and repairs, some quite extensive, have been made in eight cases.

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L. T. Fowden Bady Hurt By Unknown Assailant

Leslie T. Fowden, local postmaster and president of the Williamston baseball club, was attacked but not seriously hurt near the river docks last Tuesday night about 10 o'clock. He has almost recovered from wounds inflicted with a pine slab on his head and chest and will be out shortly.

Mr. Fowden, with others, was looking for a dog near the river. The car was stopped 60 or 75 yards from the river warehouse, and the other parties remained in it while Mr. Fowden continued on to the warehouse. He had been there only a few minutes when he called for aid, and explained that he had been attacked. No motive for the attack has been advanced, and no arrests have been made in the case.

COTTON SALES SLIPS MUST BE IN BY AUGUST 15

Farmers Urged To Return Certain Cotton Forms Immediately

August 15 has been set as the deadline for filing applications for cotton price adjustment payments, Mr. T. B. Slade, assistant in the county agent's office, said today. These payments represent the difference in price received by the farmer and the price on 10 spot markets on the day he sold. However, if the farmer received as much as 12 cents or more, he is not eligible to participate in the price adjustment payments. It is believed that all farmers in this county eligible to participate in the payments have filed their sales certificates and applied for the price differential.

Producers who had cotton under the 10-cent loan are not eligible to receive price adjustment payments on such cotton and it is not necessary for them to file cotton sales certificates, Mr. Slade said, explaining that the price on July 31 was above 12 cents a pound.

Mr. Slade pointed out that many farmers in this county who had received cotton price adjustment payments have not returned certain papers, known as Form N. C. A. P. 3. To participate in any future payments of any kind, the farmer must return this form properly executed. In other words, a farmer who has not executed and returned the form mentioned cannot participate in any soil program payments.

Corn Not Allowed as Soil-Building Crop

Many farmers in this and other counties have been led to believe that corn is acceptable as a soil-conserving crop under the government's soil conservation program, but this is not the case, Mr. T. B. Slade, of the county agent's office, pointed out today. Mr. Slade said that corn is recognized as a soil-building crop only when it is sowed broadcast and disked under while green.

In a news-released from Washington a few days ago, it was stated that corn and other soil-depleting crops are now acceptable as soil-conserving crops for 1936. "This is erroneous and untrue," authorities of the program hastened to explain. Since such a statement pertained only to sowed corn—that is, corn broadcast and turned or disked under green, also the fact that spring oats can now be classified and accepted in the same manner as fall oats and other small grain were classified, it was explained.

Contract for River Warehouse Is Let

Awarded a contract Wednesday for the construction of a \$3,000 warehouse for the Norfolk, Baltimore & Carolina Boat Line on River here, Contractor Albert T. Perry started work on the structure yesterday. The warehouse, measuring 34 by 155 feet, will be located just to the right of the main structure now standing at the river's edge. Several of the older buildings at the dock will be removed, giving an outlet from the river just to the left side of the main structure, it was stated. Several hundred dollars will be spent improving the dock and for fenders.

The foundations were laid for two small one-story houses by Herbert Cowen on West Main Street this week, and construction work is well underway on several other homes here.

Union Service at Church Of Advent Sunday Night

The union service this Sunday night will be held at the Episcopal church, and if the weather is good the service will be on the church lawn. A Bible drama, "The Raising of Jairus' Daughter," is being prepared for this service. Men are invited to come without their coats.

New Town Teams Downs "Doodle Hill" Lads 14-4

"Doodle Hill's" baseball nine went down in defeat, 14 to 4, at the hands of the New Town boys here Wednesday morning, the boys from the hill using three pitchers in an effort to stop the opposition. Roberson, New Town star, hit 3 for 4 to lead at bat. Batteries: "Doodle Hill," Wynn, Bunch, Wynn and Wynn; New Town Edmondson, Ward and Roberson.

PWA Districts 1 and 2 Will Be Consolidated and Headquarters Located Here First Next Month

Farmers of Section Are Half Done With Tobacco Curing

Tobacco farmers, as a rule, will reach the half-way mark in their tobacco-curing activities this week in this section, the completion of the exacting task resting with the weather and other developments during the next two or three weeks. Present indications are that some farmers will be curing well into September, if the worms leave enough of the crop to cure until that time.

The quality of the crop is generally described as good, many farmers reporting their best curings in

several years. The curings are exceptionally light in some cases, farmer after farmer stating that the average poundage will be close to 500 pounds to the acre.

Tobacco harvesting is proving to be quite a problem this year. The growers found it unusually difficult to get a stand last spring, making the crop uneven and bad to handle. Numerous farmers have gone over their tobacco as many as six times and are hardly half done with the harvesting work. Ordinarily six curings will care for an entire crop.

55 To 100 Workers To Be Located Here As Result of Order

Arrangements Are To Be Made Immediately To House Headquarters

Consolidating Districts 1 and 2, now centered at Elizabeth City and New Bern, State Works Progress Administration authorities will locate headquarters for 19 counties here about the first of next month, it was learned following a joint meeting of the Martin County and Town of Williamston commissioners held here last Wednesday night. The new location for the combined headquarters was officially announced late yesterday by George W. Coan, Jr., administrator for the WPA in this state, after arrangements were handled by Lee A. Wallace, assistant director of District 1.

Immediate plans will be made to house the headquarters in the City Hall building, the county commissioners agreeing to withdraw its welfare forces from the building and locate them in the county courthouse temporarily or until the new agricultural building is completed, it was said. Additional rooms will be built in the old City Hall auditorium, and plans are being considered to rent any other offices that may be needed. Mr. G. H. Harrison, member of the local town board said this morning that all requirements of the WPA would be adequately met. He referred to the location of the district offices here as one of the most valuable assets the town and county have experienced in many months.

Details in connection with the consolidation have not been announced, but it is understood that at least 55 persons will be employed here, and that number may be increased to nearly 100. Eleven offices will be required to house the workers. Special committees will be appointed the early part of next week by the commissioners to complete arrangements for housing the headquarters, and work will probably get underway by the middle or latter part of next week. It is planned to have offices ready for the headquarters by the first of next month.

A director for the new district has not been selected. E. S. Askew is at present director of District 1 and E. J. Hill director of District 2. As many of the present personnel of the two offices in the reorganization, said Administrator Coan.

"North Carolina is not the only States which has been caused to reduce the number of its WPA districts to effect greater economy in costs of administration," he added. "Various other Southern States have reduced their districts, some of them by two districts."

As the result of the consolidation in Eastern North Carolina, three counties, Halifax, Greene and Wayne will be added to District 3, with headquarters in Raleigh. Four counties, Lenoir, Jones, Onslow, and Duplin will be added to District 4, with headquarters at Fayetteville.

The remainder of the counties in Districts 1 and 2 will be included in the consolidated district, as follows: Northampton, Hertford, Gates, Pasquotank, Camden, Currituck, Perquimans, Chowan, Bertie, Martin, Washington, Tyrrell, Dare, Pitt, Beaufort, Hyde, Craven, Pamlico and Carteret.

Although there will be 19 counties in the new district, more than in any one of the other seven, its quota of employable persons will be 4,481, the smallest in the State. At least four districts have quotas of 7,000, and the Asheville district has 9,270.

Consolidation of the two far-east districts is the first major change in the WPA district organization since the early days of the program, a year ago, when some adjustments were made.

A similar consolidation of districts inaugurated a program of administrative economy in the old ERA, which preceded the WPA as the former organization was shaken down.

Christian Church Philathea Class Meets This Evening

The Philathea class of the local Christian church will meet this evening at 8:30 o'clock with Mrs. Pattie Taylor on Church Street. All members are urged to be present.

GEORGIA MARKETS

Following the opening-day rush, tobacco markets in Georgia started checking their prices, which are officially reported at slightly under 25 cents, or a decrease of about 2 cents from the estimates given last Tuesday. At Douglas, an average of \$24.88 was reported officially, the report, offered by W. R. Ingram, Williamston man who is on the market there, stating that the crop was good, that it was selling good and everybody was apparently well pleased. The Reynolds, American, and Imperial were said to be buying most of the offerings.

CHARLES PHAUP TO BE WITH FIRM HERE THIS YEAR

Chas. Highfield Auctioneer For the Planters House Reports for Work

Charles Phaup, veteran tobaccoist and a well known figure in the tobacco warehouse business through out eastern Carolina, will be connected with the Planters Warehouse here this coming season, it was announced yesterday by Mr. Holt Evans, one of the partners operating the house. Mr. Phaup was on the local market a year ago, and made a large number of friends among tobacco farmers in this section, and it is with pleasure that they learn he will be back again and with the hustling firm of Foxworth and Evans at the Planters (Brick) Warehouse.

Charlie Highfield, well known auctioneer, will also be with the Planters house this coming season. Mr. Highfield, a Kentucky man, is already known to thousands of farmers in this belt, gaining a wide reputation as auctioneer on the Greenville and Robersonville markets. For the past two years he auctioneered for Mr. Evans and comes here highly recommended as an able and capable auctioneer.

Both Mr. Phaup and Mr. Highfield have already reported for work on the local market and will renew old acquaintances during the next few weeks, preparatory to some heavy work when the local market opens on September 1.

Boston Negro Jailed Here For Drunken Car Driving

Arrested by Patrolman Hunt yesterday morning about 3 o'clock for alleged drunken automobile driving, Oliver Lane, Boston negro, had only a vague idea of his whereabouts when he sobered up later in the day. When asked where he was, Lane said he remembered passing through Norfolk, but did not know what jail was holding him. Lonnie Young, Norfolk negro, was arrested with Lane, and the two are in jail awaiting trial.

The Lane car, a large Graham-Paige, mowed down three posts on the river fill and landed in the swamps. Neither of the men was hurt and no great damage was done to the car, but it required a wrecking crew about four hours to recover the machine, it was said. The two men are expected to post \$50 bonds for their release today.

Town Property Value Up About 10 Per Cent

Tax Rate Likely To Remain Same; Local Valuation Still Low

Total Property Values Are Placed on Books at One And a Quarter Million

Town property values upon which the new tax rate will be based stand at \$1,354,025, as compared with \$1,223,743 a year ago. The increase, \$130,282, was not as large as many believed it would be, and is not of such size as to materially affect the rate, especially in the face of increased demands on the budget.

These figures do not include corporation valuations and corporate excess, which are expected to increase the valuation to about \$1,440,220. The corporate values, certified by the state taxing authorities some times as late as November, are expected to show little, if any, change from the listings a year ago.

The \$1,354,025 valuation, representing strictly local personal and real property, is divided \$1,264,125 to white owners and \$89,900 to colored property owners. The corporation valuations will amount to some over \$80,000, the Atlantic Coast Line valuing its holdings in Williamston at around \$66,455 to account for a greater part of that amount.

While the total valuation is larger than at any time in a number of years, the listings, it is quite apparent, are too low when compared with actual values. And while the rate may be considered high, the valuations are low enough to offset to some extent the big levy. It is believed that a property listing of around \$3,000,000 would come nearer representing the true value of local property, and if the values were placed on the books at that figure a rate of only \$1.87 on the \$100 valuation would be necessary instead of \$2.75, the old rate.

Hunting-Fishing Licenses on Sale

Combination hunting and fishing licenses are now on sale in various towns of the county, County Game Warden Bill Abbott announced this week. Other types of hunting licenses will be on sale in ample time for the season opening, the warden explained.

The combination hunting and fishing licenses are the only type on sale other than those for fishing, the warden explaining that some sports men may want to fish now and hunt later and would want a combination license at \$3.10.

Wade Elected Member of The Local School Faculty

Larry Wade, of Birmingham, Ala. was elected a member of the local high school faculty by the school committee this week, succeeding Professor James Peters, who resigned a few days ago to accept a position in the Burlington schools. Mr. Wade, member of the Martins pitching staff, holds a Master of Arts degree from Oglethorpe University. For two years he has played baseball in the Coastal Plain League, and in addition to his teaching duties he will serve as athletic coach here.