

MARTINSTOOPEN SPRING TRAINING HERE NEXT WEEK

Players Start Moving From As Far Away As Burbank, California

Williamston's baseball aggregation, gathered from nearly a dozen states, and some as far away as California, started traveling across the country today to be present for the opening of the Martins' training camp within the next week or two. Art Hauger, manager, is leading several players in his car at Bentonville, Ark., this week for the long trek which is due to end here some time next Monday. The St. Louis Browns officials are sending a promising young firstbaseman up from San Antonio, Texas, and Slim Gardner had just about completed plans for his trip up from Jameville. Larry Wade, already on the ground, is waiting for the boys, and Howard Earp will be running over from his school in Moyock ere long.

Fifteen players have signed contracts and six others are pending. Club President R. H. Goodman said today. Nine of the fourteen players were signed by Hauger, the St. Louis Browns sending in two others and local officials signing four, including Larry Wade and Slim Gardner, pitchers; Howard Earp, shortstop, and Bruce McCay, outfielder from Alabama.

The firstbaseman coming in from Texas is considered a major league prospect by all the St. Louis scouts. He is only 19 years old and is a fast fielder, William O. DeWitt, of the Browns, wired President Goodman yesterday. The youngster is named Stevens and is to report here possibly as early as the latter part of this week.

"We are doing everything possible to select a good team," President Goodman said today in directing an appeal to the general public for financial support. "We are making every effort to place our finances on a sound basis to start with, and any donation mailed or delivered to the club will be greatly appreciated," Mr. Goodman added.

The diamond and outfield have been improved, and everything will be in readiness for spring training the early part of next week.

26 Names on Honor Roll at Everetts

Twenty-six names appear on the sixth month Everetts school honor roll, Principal Russell announced, as follows:

- First grade: Lee Clark.
- Third grade: Wren Bailey, Ellen Clark, Glyn Spires, Norman Pearl Harrison, Clayton Modlin, Bruce Stalls, Howard Keel, Edward Biggs.
- Fourth grade: Virginia Dare Gurganus, Esther Peel Wynn, Paul Williams.
- Fifth grade: Clara Dail Taylor, Mary Lou Wynne, Mary Alice Cherry, Anna Louise Mobley, Billy Clark, George Edward Wynn, Melvin Edwards, James Leggett.
- Sixth grade: Mattie Ayers, Polly Bailey.
- Seventh grade: Louise Mobley, Nelson Leggett, Florine Clark, Susie Ward Aushon.

Local Firemen Are Having Busy Month

Receiving a call Sunday afternoon and another yesterday morning, the Williamston volunteer firemen have already seen more action this month than at any time since last November, when nine alarms were recorded. The count now stands at six for the current month.

Very little damage resulted at the Sunday and Monday fires. A small hole was burned in the roof of the William Whitley home on South Pearl Street Sunday afternoon. Yesterday morning, fire starting from a spark was beginning to burn rapidly on the roof of the combination wash and storage house belonging to Vance Bunting and located in the back yard of the Joe Cowen home three doors from the fire station on East Main Street, when the firemen brought it under control with a hose connection direct from the truck tank.

Assistant Farm Agent To Build New Home Here

Materials are being placed on a Marshall Avenue lot this week for the construction of a home for Assistant County Agent I. T. Weeks and family. The house will be of frame construction and have five rooms.

Dog Vaccinations in County To Get Under Way Saturday

The vaccination of all dogs in the county will get underway in Oak City on Saturday of this week, when Dr. A. J. Osteen will open the first clinic there between the hours of 11 a. m. and 5 p. m. Vaccinations are scheduled every week day thereafter in 14 communities over the county until the campaign is completed on Saturday, April 24, at Jamesville.

Vaccinations are required by law, reports from the clinics held the past

two years stating that dog owners in the county cooperated in the movement to afford protection against rabies.

Complete schedules for the vaccinations have been distributed and are appearing in this paper today. Dog owners are urged to check the schedule and carry their dogs to the nearest clinic within the specified hours. Dr. Osteen is a licensed veterinarian, and he will handle the vaccinations.

MORE CHECKS

Sixty-seven additional soil conservation checks have been received in the county, representing \$7,941.25 in cash and \$2 applications. So far, the agent's office has received for distribution 1,292 checks amounting to \$97,683.89. The checks cover 632 applications, it was pointed out.

Approximately 700 additional checks, representing an unpaid amount of about \$40,000, are due farmers in this county.

Participants in the soil conservation program are calling for their checks very rapidly. Miss Mary Carstarphen, secretary in the agent's office, said.

Highway Patrol May Be Enlarged With Federal Aid

Federal Government Plans To Aid Highway Safety Program In State

From 15 to 20 more men will be added to the state highway patrol if Congress enacts the bill introduced in the Senate by Senator Russell, of Georgia, to appropriate \$2,000,000 a year with which to assist those states which already have state highway patrols and highway safety organizations, it was pointed out today by Director Arthur Fulk, of the highway safety division. The bill giving the governor authority to transfer the highway patrol and drivers' license division from the department of revenue to his office also contained a provision authorizing the state to participate in this fund if and when it should become available.

The Russell bill has not yet been enacted, setting aside \$2,000,000 a year to be apportioned to the states to assist them in maintaining highway patrols, but our information from one or two members of the North Carolina delegation in Washington is that the outlook for its enactment is very good. Director Fulk said. "If it is enacted, it will enable us to add a number of additional patrolmen to the highway patrol."

School Represented In Debating Union

Preliminaries in the State triangular debates will be held in nearly every one of the 100 counties Friday evening of this week, the two teams representing the local high school going to Scotland Neck and Enfield to participate in the first contests. Scotland Neck and Enfield each will send a team to Williamston at the same time and the public is cordially invited to hear the debate to be held in the high school auditorium at 8 o'clock Friday evening. Any school producing two winning teams will be represented in the semi-finals at Chapel Hill next month.

The debate topic is, "Resolved, That the Government Should Own and Operate All Electric Light and Power Utilities."

Showboat Players Here Now on Auto Trailers

Abandoning their floating theatre, temporarily at least, the Beulah Adams-Charlie Hunter showboat troupe are now touring the country after a strictly modern fashion in automobile house-trailers. The troupe arriving here last Sunday are planning the production of plays in the several school auditoriums in this section during the next two weeks or more, it was learned. No playing dates have been released as far as it could be learned today.

Miss Marjorie Lindsay, student at W. C. U. N. C., Greensboro, is spending the spring holidays here with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. I. P. Lindsay.

ROAD BODY IS AUTHORIZED TO ADJUST CLAIMS

Reorganized State Highway Commission To Decide Amount of Payments

Counties all over North Carolina will receive the news that House Bill 778 passed which authorizes the new highway commission to adjust claims which certain counties have against the state for roads constructed prior to the state taking over the system with a great deal of enthusiasm, according to a statement made by N. G. Bartlett, secretary of the Eastern Carolina Chamber of Commerce, one of the sponsors of the program. "It has been a long-drawn out proposition, but now that the machinery has been set up for the settlement of these claims by the state for the various counties, there is no need for much more delay," stated Mr. Bartlett.

The 1935 General Assembly passed an act which directed the governor to appoint a fact-finding commission to receive the claims of the various counties and to make recommendations to the 1937 General Assembly as to what should be done. This commission was appointed by Governor Ehringhaus and held hearings at Asheville and Raleigh during the past year and heard the arguments of the various claimant counties. The commission made its report to the governor and General Assembly about the middle of February this year. Six of the members of the nine stated that they felt like there was some merit in the claims but that they did not feel that they had sufficient time to determine the exact amounts, but suggested that the matter be referred to the incoming highway commission with power to act. Three of the members of the commission of nine made a minority report in which they said several of the counties were entitled to definite amounts but did not see fit to designate the amounts that each county was entitled to.

It was no surprise that the authorities were not satisfied with this type of report and so, with the assistance of Governor Hoey and members of the House and Senate, House Bill 778 was drawn up and passed by both houses of the General Assembly. Judge Guy Elliott, of Kinston, chairman of the legislative commission of the Eastern Carolina Chamber of Commerce and Secretary N. G. Bartlett have spent most of the time during the last 12 months in the interest of this project and, useless to say, they are delighted with the outcome. The suggestion is made now by them that as soon as the new highway commission is appointed and takes up its duties that the counties that have meritorious claims should immediately contact the highway commission and secure as speedy an adjustment as they possibly can. The total amount that will be required to adjust these claims has been estimated all the way from \$5,000,000 to \$10,000,000.

County Farmers Get Planting Bases Soon

Martin County farmers will be notified within the next two or three weeks their acreages to be planted for maximum participation in soil-conservation payments, according to unofficial information gained this week.

The base figures are before the program authorities in Raleigh this week, and plans to give the farmers of the county information setting out the program requirements will be completed immediately upon the return of the acreage base sheets, it was said.

No farmer is directed by force to adhere to the bases allotted, the program authorities merely setting out the requirements that must be met by the farmers if they want to enjoy the maximum benefits.

NO PLANS THIS YEAR FOR PRE-SCHOOL CLINICS

State Forces Busy Aiding Counties with All-time Health Departments

Pre-school clinics that have met with marked success in this county in recent years, will not be held in the Martin schools this year, according to information coming from the office of the county superintendent of schools this week. Efforts will be made to have the county commissioners support the clinic by employing a health nurse to head the work, but there is doubt if the authorities will sponsor the undertaking since it could hardly be directed by State Board of Health authorities.

Appealing to the State Board of Health to direct the pre-school clinics, Superintendent J. C. Manning was advised this week that all available nurses were now occupied assisting newly organized full-time county health departments in the handling of the clinics.

Clinics held in this county during the past few years have meant much to children entering school for the first time. The little tots were vaccinated, and physical defects found by the examination were corrected in a majority of the cases.

Whether parent-teacher organizations would attempt or could sponsor the pre-school clinics in the county this year could not be learned. The time for handling the work is limited, and if anything is done necessary arrangements will have to be made immediately.

SUPREME COURT DECISIONS RATED IN LIBERAL CLASS

Frazier-Lemke Farm Debt Moratorium Bill Ruled Valid by 5-4 Majority

The United States Supreme Court this week turned liberal and reversed itself when it handed down three opinions recognized as liberal. Justice Roberts turning the tide against the conservative ranks when he switched his position to give a five-to-four majority in the decision upholding the right of states to fix minimum wages for women. The court unanimously upheld the revised Frazier-Lemke farm mortgage act, making billions of dollars of farm indebtedness eligible to three-year moratoriums. Another unanimous decision followed when the court upheld the railway labor act guaranteeing collective bargaining to rail workers.

Fourteen years ago the Supreme Court invalidated a District of Columbia minimum wage law for women. Less than a year ago, the court, by a five-to-four decision, declared New York's law unconstitutional. This week, it sustained a similar statute from the State of Washington.

Associate Justice Roberts, long recognized as a balance of power of the court, voted against the New York law last year, and for the Washington statute this week. In his latter action, he left the court's "conservative" block of McReynolds, Sutherland, Van Devanter and Butler. For them Associate Justice Sutherland read in indignant dissent, obviously aimed directly at the proponents of the President's bill.

"If the constitution, intelligently and reasonably construed, stands in the way of desirable legislation, the blame must rest upon that instrument, and not upon the court for enforcing it according to the terms," Sutherland said. "The remedy is that situation—and the only true remedy—is to amend the constitution."

With the Senate already engaged in a spirited debate on the court (Continued on the back page)

ATTRACTS CROWDS

Special Easter services in local churches attracted unusually large crowds Sunday morning, several of the churches reporting the largest congregations in recent years. Worship activities were centered around the 11 o'clock services in the churches here. No evening programs were held.

Cold weather interrupted the Easter parade of flowers, but mercantile reports indicate that the people in this section were ready with possibly one of the largest assortments of clothing ever held by them for showing.

REV. JOHN L. GOFF TAKES UP WORK HERE THIS WEEK

Christian Church Members Planning Big Welcome For Full-time Pastor

Recently called, Rev. John L. Goff prominent religious leader in the Christian church of this state, enters upon his new duties with the local church this week after a very successful ministry with the church at New Bern. The minister will arrive here Thursday and occupy the pulpit of the local church as pastor for the first time Sunday morning at the 11 o'clock hour. Mr. Goff will bring his family here just as soon as the new parsonage, now under construction on Marshall, Avenue, is completed.

Local leaders in the church are planning a big welcome next Sunday for the minister, who comes to church as its full-time pastor. Special invitations are being extended the public to be present for the Sunday morning and evening services.

A native of Lynchburg, Va., the Rev. Mr. Goff comes to his new duties here recognized as an able minister and speaker, a community leader and a high-toned Christian gentleman. The New Bernian, daily newspaper in New Bern, had the following to say recently, when Rev. Mr. Goff accepted the call to the local church:

"He has played an important civic and community role during his time here. . . . He is one of the most popular speakers that visit the city schools. He has often spoken at civic clubs, P. T. A. organizations, or other meetings. He has assisted valuably in community and welfare movements here. . . . Mrs. Goff will also be greatly missed. Besides being active in church and missionary society, she has been an officer and leader in Woman's Club and Study Club. They have five children, all of whom also have many friends." While she was a student at Lynchburg College in 1923-24, Mrs. Goff specialized in home economics and piano.

Mr. Goff was born at Lynchburg, Va., November 17, 1897, and was reared in that city. In his youth he lost his father and thus became a prime helper in the support of a large family in managing a meat business left by his father. The business expanded under the son's management, but after three years it was sold that the boy might enter school again. He matriculated in Lynchburg College, where he graduated in 1925. During his college life he was active in a literary society, in the Y. M. C. A., in athletics, and in the college ministerial association. He played football two years at Lynchburg College and baseball for four years and was captain the year that his college won the state championship. He also coached his college baseball team in 1924. While in college his last three and a half years he preached for three churches; also, for a period, supplied for two others regularly and others occasionally.

While a junior at Lynchburg College he married Miss Lelia M. Holt, of Narrows, Va. After receiving his B. A. at Lynchburg, he continued his pastorate at Narrows, completing five years there. From 1927 to 1930 he was pastor of the Petersburg, Va., church.

Funeral Held for Mrs. J. R. Knowles

Funeral services for Mrs. J. R. Knowles, a resident of this county for a number of years, were held in the Plymouth Christian church last Friday afternoon at 3 o'clock by Rev. N. A. Taylor. Burial was in the family cemetery, near Roper.

Mrs. Knowles, a native of Washington County, died in a Rocky Mount hospital late last Wednesday following an operation. She was 66 years old and lived in Washington County until about 18 years ago the family moved to this county and located near Dardens. Mr. Knowles, a leading county citizen for a number of years, died about 14 months ago.

Three children, Linwood Knowles, of Dardens; Mrs. Charles Hough, of Newell; and Mrs. Hillary Riddick, of Plymouth, survive. She also leaves one brother, J. D. Mizelle, of Roper.

Legion Auxiliary To Meet With Mrs. H. A. Jenkins

The regular monthly meeting of the American Legion Auxiliary of the John Walton Hassell post will be held in Robersonville Saturday afternoon, April 3, at the home of Mrs. H. A. Jenkins, it was announced today.

Farmers Turn To Oil For Tobacco Curing

NEW PASTOR



Rev. John L. Goff, pastor of the New Bern Christian church, will arrive here Thursday to enter upon his recently accepted duties as pastor of the local Christian church.

Oil-Burning Curers First Innovation To Find Growers' Favor

Thousands of Cords Wood Will Be Saved as Result New Curing Method

The old system of curing tobacco adhered to by Martin County without any marked variations ever since the weed was introduced in this section nearly half a century ago, is now undergoing a radical change, a change that is taking place rapidly and one that promises to lighten considerably for the farmer the burden some tasks connected with the cultivation of the golden leaf. Present activities in the introduction of the comparatively new way of curing the leaf point to the disappearance of glowing furnace fires that ordinarily dot the countryside and hold hundreds of farmers to their watches during the long night hours.

The introduction of oil burners is the first innovation advanced in years that offers to lighten the task of the farmer in raising a tobacco crop, and farmers in this county, rapidly recognizing that fact are deserting the furnace and flue system in numbers. Hundreds of the oil-burning systems are being installed in this section this year, reports stating that manufacturers of the machines will be unable to fill all the orders before the season for curing the leaf gets underway next June. Selling their quota allotted Martin County this season, salesmen are moving into other counties where the introduction of the new curing system is recognized as the one great invention having to do with tobacco curing.

Nearly all new barns are being equipped with the new burners, and hundreds of farmers are tearing out their furnaces and flues from old barns and replacing them with the comparatively new invention. Prospects for new tobacco barn flues, some flue dealers declare, are not very bright, adding weight to the claims advanced by the introducers of the new curing system.

Very little cash saving, if any, is effected by the change from the old system, but labor requirements are reduced to a minimum, and curing results with the new burner are more satisfactory, tests show.

The change from the old to the new system is almost perfectly synchronized with the opening of a new market for pine wood in this section. Thousands and thousands of cords of wood have been pushed into the furnaces each season, but an end to that practice is now in sight with the advent of the oil machines. Relieved of the tobacco farmer's demand, the present stand of timber and new growth will be open to the pulp-wood market, reliable timber men stating that the supply in this section, relieved of the tobacco farmers' demands will supply for years big pulp industries.

County Native Dies In Durham Hospital

Mrs. Eva Pritchard Walker, a native of Hamilton, died in a Durham hospital early last evening following a stroke of paralysis suffered in Chapel Hill a few hours before.

Mrs. Walker, widow of Nathan W. Walker recognized educator and professor in the University of North Carolina for more than a quarter of a century, was the daughter of the late Thos. H. Pritchard and wife, of this county. She had made her home in Chapel Hill since 1905 and funeral services will be held there. Two sons, Thos. H. Walker, of Raleigh, and John Walker, of Chapel Hill, and two daughters, Mrs. David Stowe, of Raleigh, and Mrs. L. M. Johnson, Jr., of Greensboro, survive.

Forest Fire-fighters Stop Another Fire In County

Believed to have been started by some careless person walking along the Dymond City area, fire burned over 125 acres of woodland there last Sunday afternoon. The fire was spotted from the Griffins fire tower, and special crews, including 20 CCC boys, were called into service. District Ranger Hooker and District Forester Tillman were also called, and the fire was checked before it reached the main timber in the vast J. & W. tract.

Community Sing To Be Held at Everetts School Friday Night

Plans for Permanent Sing There Being Considered Russell Announces

Plans are now underway for an old-fashioned community sing in the Everetts school on Friday evening of this week, Principal H. B. Russell announces. Special invitations are being issued to the adult patrons and friends of the school to attend and take part in the program, and a great time is expected.

Similar community sings have been successfully held in many sections over the state, and they have been the sources of great pleasure to those participating. Professor Russell and his assistants, it is sincerely believed, are advancing an undertaking that has the promise of meaning much to the Everetts community. Future singing schedules and arrangements will be formulated after the organization is perfected on Friday night of this week. The success of any future program rests, to a large extent, on the response given this week, and the grown-ups are urged to be present in large numbers. A recognized song leader will be employed if the attendance upon the event this week warrants a continuance of the project, the school man said.

Sources of \$75,853,000 State Revenue for Next Biennium

Here's how North Carolina proposes to raise \$75,853,000 during the next biennium:

Inheritance taxes	\$ 3,550,000
Schedule "B" (business licenses)	4,950,000
Franchises	16,559,400
Income	19,750,000
Beer	2,000,000
Wine	300,000
Gift	400,000
Liquor	1,300,000
Gasoline (highway diversion)	4,200,000
Sales tax	17,000,000
Meals	724,000
Building material	400,000
Miscellaneous	20,000
Non-tax revenue	2,800,000

Here are the rates per \$100 and items on which the new taxes on intangibles will be levied:

Money in bank (\$100 exempt), 10 cents. Money on hand (\$100 exempt) 20 cents. Matured insurance policies, 25 cents. Bonds, notes, etc., 40 cents. Shares of stock, 30 cents.

Witness In Clay Murder Visits Here Short While

Lillian Jackson, star witness in the Clay murder case, was here today for a short while en route from Washington City to Washington, N. C., for a visit. The case in which Dr. Clay was charged with the murder of Mrs. Kathleen Wallace Lilley at his sanatorium in Washington a year ago last January, was not pressed in the Beaufort Superior Court, but it was agreed that Clay was to remain out of North Carolina. Miss Jackson is a private nurse in Washington, D. C.