

Complete Work on Tower for Highway Patrol Radio Station

Human Flies Installing Set Permanent Lights; Paint Tower Orange-White

Construction work on the 303-foot tower for the State Highway Patrol radio station here was completed last Saturday. Workmen are placing the permanent wiring and lighting system in this week and special painters will begin work shortly painting the tall structure orange and white. About two weeks will be required to handle the work now underway.

The steel structure, rated the highest thing east of Raleigh, can be seen from a point many miles away. Three lights are located on the tower, the first being 100 feet from the ground, a second 200 feet from the ground and one with two 500-watt lamps in it commanding a position on the very top of the network of steel. The tower, starting from the ground in the shape of a funnel, has a large porcelain insulator on a sizeable concrete pillar for a base. Only four guy wires are used to hold the tower. Fastened to concrete slabs weighing a dozen or more tons, the guy cables are attached to the tower at a point 165 feet from the ground, leaving the 140-foot extension to sway in the wind.

Work on the radio unit here is progressing slowly at this time. The operating station and home for the operators will be completed within the next two or three weeks, but the ground is not ready for laying the extensive wire network. Members of the Civilian Conservation Corps were to have returned here yesterday morning and complete the task of preparing the grounds, but the heavy Sunday rains made work impossible there. They are expected to continue their work just as soon as weather and land conditions permit, it was learned today.

3-Inch Rainfall Reported Sunday

April showers ganged up last Sunday to set a new rainfall record in a single day here in many months. Rain fell intermittently during the day, but that evening saw a driving torrent fall, flooding drainage systems and overflowing streets. The weather station reported a 3-inch rain, an amount almost equal the average precipitation for the whole of April. Prior to Sunday, the weather station here had recorded about 2 1/2 inches of rain since the last of March.

Local rains have effected a slight rise in the Roanoke at this point, but flood waters depend upon the rainfall further up the stream. Hugh Spruill, keeper of the weather station here, said this morning that he had received advices that the Roanoke would overflow here some time next week, probably about Monday or Tuesday, but he did not know the size of the freshet or exactly when it would reach here.

Nine Take Exam for Hamilton Postoffice

Nine persons, all women, took the examination for the office of postmistress at Hamilton, the office having been temporarily filled by Mrs. Annie Ruth Ewell since the death of Postmistress Sallie Richards several months ago. The examination was given in the high school building, Williamston, last Saturday from 9 a. m. to 12 o'clock, noon by Mr. F. E. Wynne, of the Civil Service.

All but three of the applicants for the position will be eliminated by the Civil Service grading system, and the position will be filled by the appointment of one of the other three.

The names of those taking the examination are:

Mrs. Katherine E. Harrell, Mrs. Annie Ruth Ewell, Misses Effie Waldo, Carrie D. Pippen, Martha E. Roebuck, Martha Council Mildred H. Everett, Mrs. Irma H. Taylor and Mrs. Myrtle E. Bunting.

Dr. W. T. Winn Accepts New Work in Virginia

Resigning his position as associate with Drs. Rhodes and Eason here recently, Dr. W. T. Winn and Mrs. Winn left Saturday for Waynesboro, Va., where he will be with the medical division of the DuPont Company. The doctor and Mrs. Winn made many friends here during their stay of several months, and their departure is deeply regretted by their many friends here.

Home and Farm Agents Move Into New Building This Week

Their new \$8,000 agricultural building recently completed, the farm and home agents and allied personnel, including Mr. T. B. Slade and Misses Mary Carstarphen and Julia Daniel, moved into the new home yesterday. All farm and home agent work as well as activities of the soil conservation program are now being handled in the several offices in the new building. Arrangements are now underway to move the welfare personnel and office equipment from the old Godard Building on Smithwick Street to the offices vacated yesterday by the farm and home agents.

The new agricultural building, located on Main Street adjoining the county courthouse, was constructed at a cost of \$8,227.60, the county paying \$2,507 as its share of the building cost. In addition to that amount the county bought and paid for the lot, \$1,800, making a total cost of \$4,307 to the county. Material cost the WPA \$3,573.60 and approximately \$1,292 was paid unskilled labor.

There are six offices, a sizeable auditorium and a basement in the building, the farm agent occupying the west end and the home agent the east end of the building.

Liquor Sales Continue Climb Over Last Year

THE SKIPPER



Meet Art Hauger, new skipper of the Martins. Mr. Hauger, who lives at Springfield, Minn., has been playing and managing baseball teams for many years, at one time or another having been connected with the following teams, among others: Starting as a semi-pro performer he made his pro debut with Toledo in the old American Association, going from there to the majors, where he was with Cleveland in the American and Cincinnati in the National Leagues. Then he was with Salt Lake City in the Pacific Coast loop, Chattanooga in the Southern League; manager of Kinston in the old Virginia League in 1926. Last year he managed Bentonville, Ark., in the Arkansas State League.

Art is an outfielder and can still knock the hide off a ball with a bat.

Old Age Pension Bill To Get Test In U. S. Supreme Court Soon

Security Law Affects More Than 26,000,000 Wage Earners in Nation

Washington, April 26.—The Supreme Court today made possible an early and comprehensive test of Social Security legislation by accepting a case involving constitutionality of federal old age annuity taxes.

The agreement to review validity of taxes affecting 26,000,000 wage earners and 2,700,000 employers came as a prelude to a new plea from Attorney General Homer S. Cummings for passage of President Roosevelt's Supreme Court reorganization bill.

In a radio speech Cummings criticized statements by Chief Justice Charles Evans Hughes in a letter which Senator Burton K. Wheeler (D., Montana), read to the Senate judiciary committee. That committee, meanwhile, prepared to start executive sessions tomorrow on the court bill.

Social Security is the last vital New Deal issue pending in the court, which will recess May 31 or June 7 until next October. The decision will have an important bearing on the bitter fight over the judiciary bill. Two phases are being tested:

1. The old age annuities, under which workers and their employers are taxed equally to provide a pen-

First Quarter Shows Net Gain of \$3,629.12; Total Sales \$28,904

Some Doubt As To When Store Towns Will Share In Liquor Sale Profits

Legal liquor sales in this county during the first three months of this year, while considerably less than they were during the three preceding months, showed an increase over those for the first three months of last year, it was learned from a review of the first quarterly audit just released. In January, February and March of this year, the four legal stores sold \$28,904.08 worth of liquor as compared with sale of \$25,274.96 in the same months of last year, or an increase of \$3,629.12.

While the sales were increased only by more than \$3,500, the profits were more than \$2,000 greater the first quarter of this year than they were in the first three months of 1936. A year ago the profits from \$25,274.96 sales made in the first three months amounted to \$4,759.91. The profits from \$28,904.08 sales made in the first three months of this year amounted to \$6,779.58. For the fourth quarter last year, profits from \$44,727 sales amounted to \$11,661.14.

Sales shifted considerably last quarter. Jamestown reporting a sizeable gain along with a moderate gain in Williamston, the sales at Jamestown trailing those at Robersonville by only \$176.66. Oak City just about held its own with its sales.

During January, February and March of this year, the Williamston store sold \$16,874.99, or slightly more than 58 per cent of the total liquor sold in the county during the period. The net profits from the store sales here amounted to \$4,339.97. Robersonville reported \$4,920.35 sales and profits of \$805.48 during the period. Sales at Oak City totaled \$2,365.05 and profits amounted to \$472.58. Jamestown, with sales of \$4,743.69, showed a net profit of \$1,152.55.

Since the stores were opened in July, 1935, the sales have amounted to \$209,104.45, the profits totaling \$44,789.98.

Under the terms of the new law, the county will divide the earnings with the four towns where legal stores are operated, the county treasurer paying 20 per cent of the profit to the town treasurers. On the 20 per cent basis, the four towns will share profits for the first quarter of this year as follows: Williamston, \$867.99; Robersonville, \$161.10; Oak City, \$94.51; Jamestown, \$230.51. There is some doubt if the 20 per cent profit distribution is applicable to the first quarter earnings, the law merely stating that the county treasurer will pay to the treasurer of each town where a store is located 20 per cent of the profits at the end of each quarter. The law was passed some time before the end of the quarter, and it is the opinion of the legal minds that the distribution should be made of profits earned since last January 1.

Start Construction Two New Homes Here Soon

Construction work will get underway shortly on two new homes here, one for Dr. and Mrs. W. C. Mercer on lot removed from the C. G. Crockett home on Church Street, and one for Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Griffin on the corner of Park and Williams Streets. Both homes will be of brick construction.

Mr. Wade L. Mizelle, of Palmyra, was a business visitor here today.

Martins Rained Out Sunday; Two More Games Are Booked

Manager Hauger Looking To Opening of Season With Confidence

Their game with the Portsmouth Red Sox rained out Sunday, the Williamston Martins immediately turned their attention to an exhibition scheduled on the local lot next Saturday afternoon with the Portsmouth All-stars. Manager Art Hauger stating this morning that his players were ready for any and all comers. With no material change in the team personnel, Manager Hauger has been putting his boys through the paces these past few days and he is looking to the opening of the season with confidence.

There are several players under contract who have not reported as yet, but Manager Hauger believes the positions are well filled and he is not letting anything like that worry him.

In batting practice these past few days, the aggregation has been putting more power behind their swings and dozens of balls have been retrieved from the outfield fences.

The St. Louis Browns, one of the main "training camps" for the Martins, is sending a catcher here to assist Bill Dick, it was learned today, and other material will be made available during the next few weeks in case any changing is needed.

Reports from other league towns indicate there will be some keen competition in this region this season, but, judging from the preliminary line-ups announced, the fans are going to find it difficult to properly pronounce a whole lot of the names. There are, for instance, Pizalato, Ouzca, Kulpinski and Koppe on the Tarboro team. They are rated as good players just the same by Tarboro's fans.

Over in Kinston last Saturday, the Camels of Campbell College, who were noised out here the Wednesday before, by a 1-0 count, lost 3-2 to the Eagles. Up to the ninth, the Camels were leading, 2-1, but the Eagles found themselves in time to turn in the win.

Local Band Returns From Greensboro

Williamston's high school band did some good work and made a splendid showing in the State music contest held in Greensboro last week. Bandmaster J. E. Aiken reported upon their return early Saturday. The young musicians, after competing for honors in Greensboro, participated in a parade of a number of high school bands in Duke stadium before a meeting of the North Carolina Education Association.

The youths attracted the attention of many while in Greensboro, Mrs. C. D. Kellenberger, in whose home the boys stayed while there, stating in a letter to Mr. Aiken, "I want to congratulate you on your group of fine boys. They are the nicest youths we ever had in our home, and I hope you will bring them here again next year, as they know how to behave when among other people."

Little Interest in Municipal Election

One of the smallest registrations ever recorded here for a municipal election was reported by Registrar J. E. Pope, following the closing of the books last Saturday. Seven new names were added to the eligible voting list, a number that will fall far short of even offsetting the loss by removal of voters to other sections or by death. The small registration is just another sign that the May 4 election will hardly be more than a mere formality in the political life of the town.

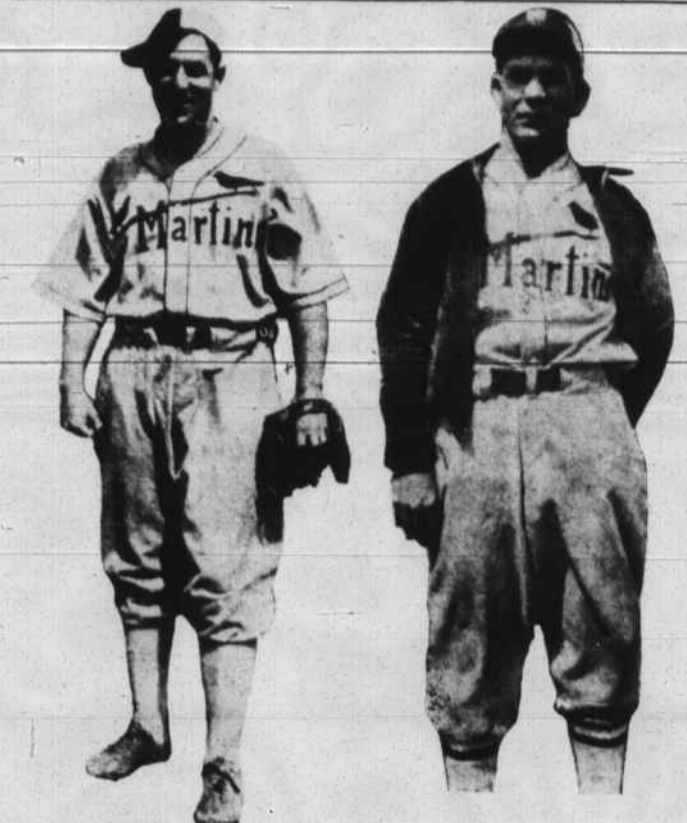
No independent ticket has been even thought of, and none is expected. A petition carrying the names of at least 10 per cent of the qualified voters would be necessary to give an independent ticket recognition.

Asa J. Manning Returns From Hospital Today

Asa J. Manning, who cut his right wrist severely while working on an automobile headlight here last Saturday a week ago, returned home from a Washington hospital today. He is getting along unusually well and is expected to be out very shortly. It will be some time, however, before he will be able to use his right hand.

Transplanting Next Job Facing County Farmers

TWO MEMBERS MARTINS PITCHING STAFF



Participating in the first exhibition game here a few days ago, Jim Rollins, the boy from Gassville, Ark., and Raymond Strunk, from out Missouri way, are holding, temporarily at least, top position on the Martins pitching staff. The two pitched a no-hit game against Campbell College here last week. Other members of the pitching staff are Grant, Fuller, Ninnemon, Spranger, Gardner and Wade.

Governor Appoints New Commissioners For Highway Board

Appointments Are Thought To Meet Approval of General Public

Governor Clyde R. Hoey had a thorough cleaning in the State Highway Department last Saturday, when he entered new fields to select commissioners for the reorganized system. Frank Dunlap, director of the budget, was named chairman of the group. While it is not definitely known, it is thought that D. Collin Barnes, Murfreesboro man, is this county's new representative on the commission, the governor overlooking some mighty good candidates in filling the positions, especially in this, the first highway district. Mr. Barnes was named for a six-year term. The definite district lines have not been set up, and it might be that Martin County will be placed in the second district with Mr. Ernest Webb, of Kinston, as its representative on the board.

Other appointments to the commission are: Second district, Ernest V. Webb, of Lenoir County, for 4 years; third, Robert Grady Johnson, of Pender, 2 years; fourth, T. Boddie Ward, of Wilson, 2 years; fifth, Samuel W. Bason, of Caswell, 4 years; sixth, D. B. McCrary, of Randolph, 6 years; seventh, Thomas R. Walke of Stanly, 2 years; eighth, J. Gordon Mackett, of Wake, 4 years; ninth, T. Max Watson, of Rutherford, 6 years; and tenth, E. L. McKee, of Jackson, 2 years.

Commissioners receive pay only for days worked.

The retiring commissioners are Julien Wood, of Chowan County; W. C. Woodward, of Nash; J. A. Hardison, of Anson; Ross Sigmon, of Rowan; E. F. Allen, of Catawba; and Frank W. Miller, of Haywood.

The new commission enters upon its work July 1, it is understood.

Announce Staff of League Umpires

Coastal Plain baseball fans will have a new group of umpires, with one exception, to cuss and discuss this season, officials of the organization announced this week. John Phaup, the umpire who worked in the league during the latter part of last season and who made his headquarters here, will return.

Names of the new umpires are Walter Closs, H. E. Corbett, Charles R. Cottrell and Harry P. Cone.

Fans in this section had hoped the league would provide two umpires for each game, but it is quite apparent that the old hit-and-miss method will be in vogue again this season.

Few Have Already Started; Some Held Up by Blue Mold

Main Transplanting Work Will Be Delayed Week Or Ten Days at Least

Martin farmers are busy this week making preparations for the transplanting of their tobacco crops, weather conditions and blue mold making the time uncertain when actual transplanting will get underway on a large scale.

The first of the crop was transplanted a few days ago in Poplar Point Township, and a few farmers will put their plants in the field this week, but the work will hardly get underway to any great extent before next week, and it is possible that blue mold will delay the activities until the following week.

Reports heard yesterday following the heavy Sunday rains indicated that the blue mold had spread rapidly overnight, that transplanting activities would be delayed while the plants are outgrowing the disease. A large majority of the farmers in this county will have their lands ready by the latter part of this week for the transplanting.

The Sunday rains are said to have damaged the young corn crop, some farmers stating that the crop had been washed out in some places and had been covered with dirt in other places. As a whole, the rains caused no great damage but rather aided the growth of young plants. This week marks the beginning of a long busy season for the farmers, weather conditions and numerous obstacles making uncertain their success. However, the tillers of the soil are making usual preparations to carry on their farm operations, trusting that the growing season will be favorable and that a favorable market will await them next fall.

Assistant Agent Gets Promotion

Lloyd T. Weeks, after a few months of able service as assistant Martin County farm agent, resigned last week to accept a position as assistant state tobacco specialist with headquarters in Raleigh. The promotion is recognized as a decided advancement for Mr. Weeks, but it was with regret that Agent T. B. Brandon and the numerous people over the county who had made Mr. Weeks' acquaintance see him leave. He will assist Mr. Floyd, it was learned.

Mr. Weeks will leave his family here until after the close of the present school term.

Just appointed a few months ago to succeed Mr. Murphy L. Barnes as assistant agent, Mr. Weeks had already started construction of a new home on Marshall Avenue. He will complete the building, however, and offer it for rent and possibly for sale.

Drive for Scrap Iron Continues

The drive for old scrap iron continues strong in this section, shipping reports showing that more than one and a half million pounds of the metal have moved from this point during the past several weeks, and dealers state that individual deliveries are holding up unusually well. The two dealers here are shipping a car of junk every other day on an average. Most of the iron is moving into Norfolk and Morehead City for foreign shipment.

Entire junk heaps have been cleared, and on several occasions the drive has been extended into farmers' fields. It is certain that the business cannot hold its present pace, that it will be a matter of a very short time before all of the old metal will have been moved from this community for use in other parts of the world.

High School Students To Give Play at Bear Grass

The Bear Grass High School will present its annual play, "Poor Married Man," there Friday evening of this week, Principal T. O. Hickman announced today. Comedy stunts will be featured between the acts, the school man said.