

Martins Undefeated In League Play; Get 15-4 Win at Kinston

Art Hauger's Boys Holding To Top Position by One One-half Games

Flying into the nest of the Kinston Eagles yesterday afternoon, the Williamston Martins scored a 15-4 victory, Art Hauger's squad tightening its hold on top position in the Coastal Plain Loop as the boys open up new territory. Adding three games to their list this week, the Martins now have 6 wins to their credit and no losses—Ace Vilepique and Artie Deim still holding their whisksers.

Teamwork has featured the activities for the local club so far this week, but Jim Rollins, Larry Wade, and Slim Gardner forged a bit ahead with their pitching. Over in Greenville last Tuesday afternoon, Rollins hied the Greensies at bay and pitched his team to a 5-3 win. Sarp Stanley and Whiskers Deim did the heavy stick work and they, assisted by Lakotas and Sharkey, batted in the runs. Rollins struck out 11, bringing his "fan-dance" record to 24 in the two games he has pitched.

Wednesday was Wade's day here, the rookie holding the Greensies to 6 hits and boosting his team's scoring with a homer over the left field fence in the sixth inning with one on. Whiskers Per Deim maintained his record of 2 hits per day, Earp, Ledbetter and Lakotas adding two each. In the field, Bo Farley featured for the visitor by handling perfectly nine chances. Deim had a fine day afield and so did Earp for the locals. The game was the fastest played on the local lot this season, the boys closing for the day after taking Greenville's measure in a little over an hour and a half. The visitors scored their lone run in the seventh when Farley was hit by one of Wade's shoots to gain first. Klasa hit for three bases to bring Farley home and end the scoring at 7-1 in favor of the Martins.

The 15-4 win over the Eagles at Kinston yesterday afternoon took on the appearance of a field day or a game of hit and run. It required 2 1-2 hours for the Martins to do their hitting and complete their running, and at one time it looked as if there would be no end to it. The boys batted around and were well into the second heat in the ninth inning when the laws of chance turned against them and retired the side. Fuller started for the Martins, but was a bit wild and turned the work over to Slim Gardner, who fanned a half dozen and held his opponents to 7 hits in the 8 innings he worked. Earp scored four runs and got 3 hits and Deim score 3 runs on his 2 hits to feature the running attack. Three homers, one each by Deim, Lakotas and Vilepique, and three hits each by Earp, Stanley, Lakotas, and Sharkey featured the batting attack.

It was a swell day for Skipper Hauger on his home-coming visit over in the Lenoir capital. He just turned his boys loose and they wandered all around the bases and all over the field with perfect abandon.

In the league standings, the Martins are leading Goldsboro by a game and a half. Tomorrow the Martins and Bugs clash at Goldsboro and tangle again here Sunday.

County Is Placed in First Road District

Martin was grouped with 13 other counties in the set-up highway commission's first district now by the authorities in their first meeting in Raleigh this week. Headed by Collin Barnes, prominent lawyer of Murfreesboro, the district includes the counties of Dare, Currituck, Camden, Pasquotank, Perquimans, Chowan, Gates, Hertford, Bertie, Edgecombe, Halifax, Northampton, Warren and Martin. Beaufort and Washington, the two other counties bordering Martin, were placed in the second district, with headquarters in Kinston. It was at first thought that Martin would be placed in the second district, but, after much districting and redistricting, the commission placed it under Mr. Barnes.

Suit for Divorce Filed In Court Here This Week

A suit for an absolute divorce was filed in the Martin County Superior Court this week for Mrs. Mary Coltrain against C. B. Coltrain, former Martin County man but who is now a resident of Norfolk. The issues are likely to be heard at the next term of court convening here the third Monday in June.

HAMILTON SCHOOL CLOSING NEXT WEEK



The Hamilton School, one of the last in the county to close the 1936-37 term, will hold its graduation exercises the latter part of next week.

Request To Operate County Has Number Seines This Week Is Refused by Board

C. C. Fleming Points Out Interruption by Roanoke Flood Waters

Permission to operate seines in the Roanoke a few days this week and probably during the early part of next week was denied C. C. Fleming, operator of the Jamesville and Camp Point fisheries, last Wednesday, when he appeared in person before the board of conservation and development and stated the request. Apparently failing or refusing to consider the conditions surrounding the fishing activities on the Roanoke, as compared with other streams in this section of the state, the board greeted the request with a blunt "no," offering an explanation of the fact that it might not be fair to fishermen on other streams.

Mr. Fleming, accompanied by Merchant Charles Davenport, pointed out to the board that the fisheries on the Roanoke had been idle since the 27th of last month on account of high water, that fishermen on other streams were able to continue their operations to May 1 and during the 10-day extension granted by the authorities after that time. The Jamesville man also pointed out that had he been able to operate at any time during the extension period he would not have asked for permission to fish during the latter part of this week and possibly one or two days of next week. The board, all stirred up over a \$250,000 advertising program that was to be discussed with a group of Yankee experts and others the following day, denied the request in executive session.

Cheaper Prices For Legal Liquor Here Are Almost Certain

Commission To Announce State Uniform Price Schedule Today

North Carolina's liquor commission is expected to order a reduction in all legal liquor profits today, unofficial information coming from a two-day session of the body indicating that the prices will be made uniform over the wet territory and to conform with those in Virginia. Representatives from a number of the wet counties appeared before the board yesterday and urged that prices be maintained at their present level and that the sales tax be added. The representatives pointed out that it would be impossible to eliminate the bootlegger by competition, that they were in favor of present price schedules. They explained that the only way to handle the bootlegger was to "law him off the earth."

Chairman Cutler Moor of the State commission replied, "We are after control, not profits. We are not encouraging bootlegging by high prices."

The more the commissioners talked the more the commission suspected the motivation to be money. In spite of the strictest discipline there would break out in the meeting the protest that the counties with these stores must not be robbed of their revenues and the burden of taxation again laid upon land and other property.

In addition to its price-fixing policies, the State board will explain its warehouse plans by which all the liquor used in the counties will come to some central place. There may be just one state warehouse, there may be two or more.

V. J. Spivey, chairman of the Martin County ABC board; Senator R. L. Coburn, J. G. Staton and Henry Griffin were among those from this county attending the meeting in Raleigh today.

County Has Number Small Forest Fires; Loss at Low Figure

Wardens Report 34 Forest Fires in Eight Months; Loss Stands at \$2,500

Martin County had quite a number of forest fires, but the resulting loss was comparatively small, during the past eight months, County Warden Henry D. Hardison said today. Introduced in this county only a short time ago, the forest protection service is attracting considerable interest among timberland owners and the public generally. The organization, made up mainly of volunteers and others drawing small pay, is doing a splendid work, and the public is cooperating in the undertaking, Warden Hardison said. Much credit is due the district wardens for their efforts in holding the fire losses to a low figure during the past eight months, a period generally known as the forest-fire season.

No accurate estimate has been placed on the losses caused by forest fires during the 8-month period, but Warden Hardison believes it will not exceed \$2,500. Since last September 34 fires in the timber areas of the county have been reported. The wardens handled the fires very effectively and confined the damage to 1,430 acres, the rate of loss hardly amounting to more than \$2 an acre, it is estimated. Twenty-five of the fires were reported by the two towermen, Foreman Manning reporting 9 in the Griffins district, and Foreman Goodrich reporting 16 in the Hassell area of Hamilton Township. The 34 fires were reported in the several districts as follows: Jamesville 8, Griffins 9, Cross Roads 1, Bear Grass 1, Hamilton 10, Hassell 4, and Williams 1.

Nearly 350 acres were burned over in the Hassell section at one time, the service bringing it under control and preventing a heavy damage to thousands of acres of timberland there. Griffins reported a sizeable fire, but for once the dismal area escaped damage by fires. Most of the other fires burned only a few acres, the warden added.

Firemen Called To Ambulance Blaze

Sam Williams, local colored undertaker and a patient-passenger in Tom Ruffin's ambulance, remained calm and did not even stir himself when the machine caught fire on East Main Street last night at 10 o'clock. The local fire company was called out, and there was a great deal of excitement for everybody else, but Williams, on his way to an Elizabeth City hospital, remained on the ambulance stretcher while the fire, starting near the emergency brake, was extinguished. Very little damage was done to the machine and Manager Jack Everett directed the ambulance driver to continue to Elizabeth City with the patient. Operating the ambulance for the first time, King David, colored, forgot to release the emergency brake, and it ran hot and caught fire.

Small Child Dies From Diphtheria

George Franklin, 4-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Walter Barnes, of Williams Township, died in a Washington hospital last night at 11 o'clock from diphtheria. Taken ill last Saturday, the child was entered in the hospital yesterday afternoon, or just a few hours before his death. Besides his parents, he is survived by three sisters, Gladys, Doris, and Bettie, and three brothers, Walter, jr., William, and Raymond Barnes. Funeral services are being conducted this afternoon at 2:30 o'clock by Rev. W. B. Harrington, and interment will follow in the Roberson Cemetery, near Jamesville.

Twelve Cases Tried In Recorder's Court At Session Monday

Charges of Non-Support Predominate on Docket This Week

Twelve cases were called in the county court last Monday, with Judge H. O. Peel on the bench and Attorney R. L. Coburn prosecuting the docket. Charges of non-support led the docket count, Judge Peel making provisions for the dependents in each case. Even though at least one of the dependents was born out of wedlock, the judge made provision for the child's care.

Action was continued under prayer for judgment until May 17 in the case charging Joseph Perry with non-support, the court allowing the defendant until that time to make full settlement in accordance with a past order.

E. D. Harris was directed to pay \$3.50 each week to the court for the support of his child during the next six months and reappear at the end of that time for further judgment.

Clyde Knight was ordered to pay \$4 a month for the support of a child during the next six months. Bond was required of him in the sum of \$50.

Paul Daniel, charged with disposing of mortgaged property, was found not guilty.

A fine of \$50 with costs added and revocation of license to operate a motor vehicle formed the judgment in the case charging W. K. Parker with drunken driving.

Fined \$25 and taxed with the costs Ray Spencer, charged with trespassing and damaging property, appealed to the superior court, Judge Peel requiring bond in the sum of \$100.

Charged with operating an automobile without a driver's license and drunken driving, Robert Biggs was fined \$75 and taxed with the cost. A three-month-road sentence was suspended.

Stonewall Parker, charged with drunken driving, was fined \$50 and taxed with the cost. His license to operate a car was revoked for one year.

Tom Pitt, charged with drunken driving, failed to answer when called, assault with a deadly weapon and disorderly conduct, was continued under prayer for judgment.

Charged with violating the liquor laws, Lazarus Williams and Jack Knight were each fined \$25 and taxed with the costs. Judge Peel sentenced them to the roads for three months, the sentences to begin at the direction of the court.

Blind Peddler Dies From Injuries; Struck by Auto

Herbert Lassiter, blind man of Aulander, and regular pencil peddler of pencils here and in other towns of Eastern Carolina, died in a Windsor hospital last Friday afternoon from injuries received when he and his son were run down and struck by an automobile near their home several days before. His young son, who was accompanying him and who suffered a broken leg, is still a patient in the hospital.

Lassiter was 56 years old and was well known here, where he, with his small son as escort, had peddled pencils for a number of years.

Prompt Cure Effected for "Crazy" Prison Inmate

Feigning lunacy, apparently to avoid work on the roads, an inmate of the Martin prison camp was promptly cured by an attending physician a short time later. Looking through the foxy claims, the physician prescribed one of three alternatives, the man willingly agreeing to return to work. He did not like the prospect of a visit to the hospital for the insane in Goldsboro or a visit to the dark cell. "Going crazy" while on the open road yesterday afternoon, the inmate presented a problem, but finally six other convicts placed him in a state truck and carried him to the camp.

Iron Dealer Inspects Ship In Morehead City Port

Messrs. K. B. Crawford and Will Parker inspected the Japanese steamer, Taigen Maru Hashidate, in the Morehead City port a few days ago, Mr. Parker, buyer of scrap iron, going there to check shipments made by him to the exporters.

Buy Moore Home

Mr. and Mrs. J. McKimmon Saunders have purchased the Clayton Moore home on Church Street here and will move there just as soon as Mrs. Moore and children join Mr. Moore in their new home at Winston-Salem.

Thad Eure Speaker At School Closing Here Last Tuesday

Record-size Crowd Present For Commencement Program Finals

Reverence for God above everything was the parting word left with 22 seniors by Secretary of State Thad Eure in the commencement address marking the close last Tuesday night of another term for the local schools. A record audience was present for the finals program, which included, besides the address by Mr. Eure, the presentation of diplomas to 22 seniors and certificates of promotion to 53 boys and girls from the seventh grade to the high school and special awards to Sallie Gray-Gurkin, Victor Andrews and Addie Lee Meador. Diplomas and certificates were awarded by Professor L. W. Anderson, retiring principal of the local schools. Attorney E. S. Peel, self-claimed oldest alumnus of the local high school, made the special award presentations.

Secretary of State Eure, introduced by Senator R. L. Coburn, centered his address on North Carolina geography, pointing out the great size of a great state. If the State was placed on a pivot in Cherokee County and turned to the northwest it would touch Chicago, and then place the pivot in the extreme east and give the state another turn, it would touch New York City, the speaker said. "But it is not that greatness that I like," the speaker continued, and explained that it was the acknowledge responsibility by the state of North Carolina to educate its youth, to recognize for its one and first task the education of youth.

The advancement of schools was compared with the temples of justice and the churches as found from Manteo to Murphy. There are marked contrasts in church buildings, but the school properties are uniform, and the advantages are the same in the poor counties as well as in the wealthier units, he explained.

Farmer Has Bumper Crop Large Collards

There may be a decreased acreage planted to tobacco, and other crop may not do so well, but Farmer C. H. Ayers, of Bear Grass, is certain about his collard patch this season. The farmer reports a bumper crop, but the most unusual thing about his collards is their size. After allowing a distance of 3 1-2 feet between rows at planting time, Mr. Ayers finds now that he did not get the rows far enough apart, for the collards overlap adjoining rows by 6 inches. The 4 1-2 feet collards are general throughout the three rows he planted, Mr. Ayers said, and they are the largest he has ever heard of.

Show Boat To Be at Windsor Next Week

Making its 27th annual tour this season, the original Show Boat will make its nearest stop to Williamston and community all next week at Windsor. Manager Milford Seymour said today that the players had planned to bring the boat to Williamston this season, but high waters in the Roanoke made a change in the schedule necessary.

The management of the floating theatre contracted one of the big show units last winter, and he is bringing the players to this section this season. Programs are changed nightly, and one of the big features on Wednesday evening of next week is Thayer Robert's Dance of Gold, oftentimes referred to as a dance of death.

Gets \$650 Verdict In Suit for \$20,000

Mary C. Dail, administratrix of Glenwood Capehart, was awarded a judgment in the sum of \$650 against Burroughs and Daniels, Belhaven fish dealers, and T. Jarvis Griggs, by a Bertie County Superior Court Jury yesterday in Windsor. The plaintiff was suing for \$20,000 damages alleged to have resulted when the Capehart truck was killed in an automobile-truck accident on the Washington highway in this county a year ago.

Notice of appeal was given by the defense. Griggs, charged with manslaughter, was found not guilty in the Martin Superior Court in June of last year.

More Building Under Way Here Than Ever

MOTHER AT 11

The birth of a child to a girl 11 years and 23 days old was reported in the Hassell section of Hamilton Township last Saturday. The report on the age of the mother came from reliable but unofficial sources and stated that the child mother and the child were getting along very well. The mother's name is Mable Glover, colored, and she lives with her sister and brother-in-law, near Hassell, it was said.

Three Stills Raided By Special Officer in County This Week

Activities of Special Officer Interrupts Business for Several Bootleggers

Continuing the clean-up of illicit liquor business in this county, Special Officer J. H. Roebuck this week wrecked three liquor plants in Griffins and Jamesville Townships and poured out several hundred gallons of beer. Neither of the plants was in operation when the raids were made, but apparently the operators were making preparations to start the liquids running in time for business this week-end.

Officers were unable to find the kettles at one of the plants, but at the second one they found the largest copper still in several years. The kettle had a capacity of about 100 gallons and was well made. It was located near the old Fisher place in Jamesville Township.

Yesterday afternoon, the officer and his assistants destroyed a complete steam plant in Griffins Township. Nearly 1,500 gallons of beer were poured out along with 1 gallon of liquor. The still was cold, and the operators were not at the plant when the officers made the raid.

Finals Begin at Oak City School Sunday With Annual Sermon

Very Successful Year Is Reported by Principal H. M. Ainsley

The Oak City schools, last in the county to close the 1936-37 term, will hold the first event in the commencement program Sunday morning at 11 o'clock, when Rev. John L. Goff, pastor of the Williamston Christian church, delivers the annual sermon in the high school auditorium. The finals program proper gets underway next Thursday evening when the seniors present their play, "Crashing Society." Professor J. L. Memory, of Wake Forest College, will deliver the feature address and J. C. Manning, superintendent of county schools, will present diplomas to the graduates the following evening.

The exercises next week mark the close of a very successful term for the school, Principal H. M. Ainsley stating that "every teacher has faced his problem with a smile and the cooperation has been 100 per cent." Sixteen young boys and girls are receiving full-fledged diplomas of graduation, certificates going to three members of the class of '22.

The seventh grade is almost certain to establish a new record, the school man explaining that there are 32 in the class and that 32 are expected to receive promotion certificates. It is evident now that the eighth grade next term will be the largest in the history of the school. The percentage of promotions in all departments has been higher this year than at any previous time, and the standard of work in the school as a whole has been better, Mr. Ainsley added.

Using a new primary unit for the first time, the school this year has expanded its program of activities, and marked progress has been made in the use of the library and reading room. Several of the objectives of the school during the term now drawing to a close include individual instruction as far as possible; diagnosis and follow-up of standardized tests, meetings for the discussion of classroom problems; conferences with individual pupils; recognition of talent; equalized opportunity for all, and a higher standard of scholarship.

Total for This Year To Exceed \$150,000; Far Ahead Last Year

Plans Going Forward For Construction Number Of New Homes

There is more building activity underway here at the present than at any time in the history of the town, activities underway, and plans for the construction of new homes in the immediate future indicating that Williamston will handle a construction program well in excess of \$150,000 this year. A review of the building permits furnished by Building Inspector Henry D. Harrison showing that construction activities so far this year are considerably greater than they were up to May 15 last year.

During the first five months of 1936, building permits were issued for the construction of seven buildings, valued at \$32,750, that program including a \$12,800 public school building project. Fourteen permits have been issued since January 1 this year for the construction of buildings valued at \$548,635, the program including a \$14,000 amusement house and an \$8,000 furniture store. Limiting the comparison of building activities during the two periods to private individuals or firms, construction work here so far this year is nearly 2 1-2 times greater than it was during the first five months of 1936, the margin of gain over 1935 being even greater than the increase in 1937 over the period in 1936.

Home construction planned here in the immediate future will swell the building total. Plans for the new homes are not yet complete in most cases, but preparations are going forward gradually and within a few weeks a number of new projects will have been started.

All the while the building boom is in progress, there continues a shortage of homes and business stands. It is quite apparent that the situation will be relieved but little, if any, at the completion of the program already underway or even at the completion of projects planned but not yet under construction.

Realty transfers locally are being made often, and real estate prices continue on an upward trend. Mr. and Mrs. Jessup Harrison bought the home of the former assistant county agent, L. T. Weeks, on Marshall Avenue this week, and D. G. Matthews bought the Lucy Godard house on Church Street a few days ago.

Work Started This Week On Second Theatre Here

Construction work on Williamston's second theatre was started this week, the contractors, J. F. Mitchell, jr., of Burlington, starting the foundations yesterday. R. A. Miller, of Raleigh, superintendent of construction, stated yesterday that work on the project would be completed within 8 to 10 weeks.

The structure, with a depth of 107 feet and a width of 38 feet, is being built for J. W. Watts, owner and operator of the Watts Theatre on Main Street. The new building is being located on South Houghton Street.

Watson Execution Set for Four Weeks from Today

Unless the governor intervenes, Alvin W. Watson, the Georgia youth convicted of the murder of Thomas Holliday at a Robersonville filling station last November, will die in the gas chamber, Raleigh, four weeks from today. No recent action has been taken to have the death sentence commuted to life imprisonment, Henry D. Hardison, attorney who represented Watson during the trial last December, said today. "I have got to get to work on the case right away," the attorney added.

Wreck Victim Visits Here For First Time in Months

Critically injured in an automobile accident near Chocowinity last fall, Mrs. Lizzie Coltrain, of Maceo, made her first visit to town since that time just a few days ago. Unable to walk and having little use of one hand, Mrs. Coltrain is gradually improving, however. Her husband was killed in the accident, and Mrs. Coltrain lay near death in a Washington hospital for weeks.