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## Martins Drop Two Of Last Three Tilts; Still Leading Loop

**Jefferson, Strunk and Deim Hold Spotlight In Play Last Few Days**

Things are warming up in the Coastal Plain circuit rapidly, and all the heat is not chargeable to a soaring mercury. The several teams in the first division of play are applying the heat in their bid for top position in the league, and while the top roost, held by the Martins from the start, is getting hot, Art Hauger's boys are tenaciously holding tight. New Bern follows closely in second place, and Tarboro pulled back into third position yesterday to add interest in the race. Although the Martins are on top, only one and a fraction games separates them from fourth place.

Starting the week last Tuesday in New Bern, the Martins lost a good game 3-2, behind the 4-hit pitching of Jefferson. The Bears scored 2 of 3 runs in the sixth when McAbee drew a pass and Black homered. Their last run came in the eighth, when McAbee walked again, stole second and scored on a single off Black's bat. The Martins pushed their first run over in the sixth, when Villepique doubled and was followed by Deim and Lakotas with a single each. Stevens doubled in the eighth and added the second tally. Hammons, New Bern pitcher, allowed 5 hits, the battle centering around his and the pitching of Jefferson. Knowles, mighty hitter, went without even as much as a single all that day to add color to Jefferson's pitching.

Wednesday afternoon, the Martins evened the series with the Bears on the home lot in the best game of the season. Strunk took absolute charge on the mound for the locals, while Artie Deim played a bang-up game at third. Handling a number of hot chances around his corner, the third-sacker really opened up with his throws to first to register an out every time. He threw them on the dead level of a clothes line, and Charlie Steven raked them in after the fashion of a ballet dancer. Stanley also turned in a sensational catch in left field. Strunk held the visitors to 4 hits, 2 of them from the bat of Knowles and one for the circuit with nobody on in the fourth. Ledbetter led the batting attack with 3 for 4, Earp and Deim adding 2 each to help run the total to 13. The play was flawless, but an injury to Villepique's ankle marred the game.

Yesterday afternoon over in Snow Hill the Martins lost a series opener for the second time this season. Peahead Walker's boys pounced on Wade for 10 hits in 4-1-3 innings and touched Gardner for 6 more during the rest of the route to count 7 runs. While his teammates went hitless at the hands of Mousinger and Ventura, Ledbetter, Martin right fielder, featured at the bat with two doubles and a triple in 4 trips. Two double plays, McCay to Lakotas and Sharkey to Deim, featured the Martins defense. Young, Snow Hill right-fielder, hit 5 for 5 to lead the 16-hit attack and feature the 7-3 contest.

## Commerce Heavy on Roanoke Past Year

Nearly one-half billion pounds of freight were handled on the Roanoke River during the past year, according to a report released this week by H. R. Cole, acting engineer of the Norfolk district of inland waterways. The 213,546 tons of freight handled on the stream carried a value of more than five and one-half million dollars.

The report shows this section possessing a very favorable balance of trade, the imports, 55,775 tons, having a value of \$1,093,339, and the exports \$3,845,459. Most of the tonnage on the river was handled to and from the Williamston port, the outgoing shipments being made up largely of tobacco and lumber.

Tonnages handled on other rivers and by the Edenton harbor area, as follows: Edenton harbor, 47,944 with a value of \$6,308,987; Chowan River, 84,964 tons with a value of \$1,296,482; Cashie River, 29,101 tons valued at \$457,339.

## Henry Johnson Named To Supervise Tobacco Sales

Henry Johnson, formerly of Robersonville, but now of Everetts, has accepted a position with the Williamston Tobacco Board of Trade as supervisor of sales. Mr. Johnson is already at work in the interest of the local market. He succeeds R. W. McFarland, who goes to Henderson after three years on the market here.

## Wednesday Half Holidays To Be Observed During Summer

All Williamston stores and other business houses will close each Wednesday afternoon during the months of June, July and August, it was officially announced yesterday. A unanimous sign-up was reported in support of the half holidays. The half-day rest periods go into effect next Wednesday, June 2, the action of the business operators being received with great joy by clerks and employees of business in general.

In arranging for the half-holidays, the business men appeal to the general public to cooperate in the movement, and suggest early shopping on Wednesdays. The value of the movement is readily recognized

when one considers the lot of the clerk who is on the job six days each week, rain or shine, and who, in many cases, cannot afford a vacation trip. It has been the custom for local stores to close each Wednesday afternoon during the summer months, and it is believed the general public will show a great cooperative spirit in making the movement this summer a greater success than ever before. The stores close at 1 p. m. on Wednesday.

Stores in many towns of eastern Carolina are closing their doors on Wednesday afternoons, and the half-holiday is fast becoming recognized in the eyes of the general public as necessary for the clerks.

## Assistance Program Is Explained by Director

### Tobacco Plant Bed Thieves Continue Activity in County

### Several Beds Wrecked By Thieves In Several Townships

Tobacco plant rogues continued active in the county this week as the season for transplanting the crop nears a close. Thefts during daylight hours were reported Tuesday on the Hugh Roberson farm, near Robersonville. The plant beds of Chief W. B. Daniel were raided on his farm, near here, early this week following raids on several other farms in Williams and Bear Grass Townships.

Some very unneighborly acts have been reported in near-by counties this season, as plantless farmers wandered here and there searching for plants. In one community in an eastern Carolina county, a farmer bought at a low price the beds on his neighbors' farms to keep them from giving the plants away to less fortunate farmers. Then this farmer, realizing he had a monopoly, is said to have charged exorbitant prices.

Over in Lenoir County a farmer is said to have refused to sell a single plant from his extensive beds, but he told those who came his way that they were welcome to them for nothing.

The transplanting of the crop in this community is virtually complete, but the young plants just recently placed in the ground are not living and considerable re-planting will be necessary. That portion of the crop transplanted soon after the rains earlier in the month is growing rapidly and is now under cultivation.

### Mrs. Alice V. Peel Died Wednesday

Mrs. Alice V. Peel, widow of Mack G. Peel, Martin County native, died in a Washington hospital Wednesday morning at 10 o'clock following an operation the day before. Funeral services were conducted in the Methodist church, Washington, yesterday afternoon and interment was in the Oakdale Cemetery there.

Mrs. Peel, who was Miss Alice V. Nixon, of Washington, before her marriage, lived in this county, near Williamston, for a number of years, but had made her home in Washington during the past 16 years or more. Two sons, William Peel, with whom she made her home in Washington, following Mr. Peel's death about three years ago, and Roscoe Peel, of Pittsburg, Texas. She leaves one brother, E. R. Nixon, of Washington; and two sisters, Mrs. Emily C. Mitchell, of Norfolk, and Mrs. M. M. Canady, of Washington.

### Orphanage Singing Class In Local Church Sunday Night

The orphanage singing class and the superintendent of the Falcon School will give a program at the Williamston Pentecostal Holiness Church Sunday night, May 30.

A free-will offering will be taken for the benefit of the orphanage.

The public is cordially invited to the exercises.

### Railroads Have Over 8,000 Cars with Air Conditioning

The railroads and the Pullman Company now have 8,078 air conditioned passenger cars in operation, an increase of more than 1,300 in the past nine months.

### First Consideration To Be Given Actual Needs of Applicants

### Applications Will Not Get Consideration Until After July 1

Outlining the duties of those who are to administer the old-age assistance program, Nathan H. Yelton, recently appointed director of the division of public assistance, points out some clear facts in connection with filing applications and their consideration. In a statement released this week, Mr. Yelton says:

"There are many things of vital importance in the administration of the old-age assistance and aid to dependent children program. The desire and aim of the Division of Public Assistance is to make the need of the recipient paramount.

"Children who are being cared for in comfortable homes with some relative who has sufficient income do not become obligations of the state, county and federal governments, but will continue to be cared for by the relative.

"The aim of the entire program is based on need. By need, we mean those who are not being cared for by anyone and who are without subsistence. The program is not intended as a place to unload the responsibility of sons and daughters who are caring already for their parents in a very comfortable manner, or children who also are receiving the advantages of a good home.

"The responsibility of the state, local and federal governments is to see that those who are eligible receive assistance. Funds are limited, and to reach those who are eligible but are not being cared for by anyone is the goal of the Division of Public Assistance.

"People who are not eligible are requested not to apply to local welfare officials, as the merit of applications will be based entirely on need.

"Those people who already are being cared for by the counties will be the first to receive assistance, provided they meet the various requirements.

"Application blanks are being printed and will be in the offices of superintendents of public welfare before July 1. No applications, however, will be acted upon prior to that time, other than those cases which at present are being carried by the counties. Such cases will be transferred by July 1 to the old-age assistance and aid to dependent children program.

"Many requests for information have come to the state office. The Division of Public Assistance does not deal directly with individual cases, which are handled by the county board of public welfare. Cases of appeal which cannot be settled locally will be passed on by the board of allotments and appeal, whose decisions shall be final."

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### Hamilton Girl Graduating At N. C. Woman's College

Miss Lillian Pugh, Hamilton young woman, is graduating with honors at the Woman's College of the University of North Carolina, Greensboro, on June 7, Edith Harbour, of the college, said today.

### Martin Farmers Virtually Finish Transplanting Crop

Virtually completing the transplanting of their tobacco crops in the county this week, Martin farmers are now spending much time re-setting, reports stating that many of the plants placed in the fields during the past few days are dying. That portion, or a big majority of the crop, transplanted last week and earlier is growing rapidly, and the outlook is for a fairly good crop in this area.

There are a few farmers who will not complete transplanting until next week, and there are many who will not finish re-setting before the third or fourth of June and possibly even later than that. Dry weather is retarding the crop.

## Compliance Work Is Engaging Attention Of Farm Authorities

### Field Surveys To Be Made In This County Middle Of Next Month

Machinery for handling compliance under the 1937 soil conservation program is being set up in this county at the present time, Mr. T. B. Slade, who will have charge of the work, stating today that acreages and plantings will be checked, probably starting about the middle of June. Supervisors for handling the compliance surveys will be named within the next few days, but there will not be as many employed for the task as there were last year, Mr. Slade said.

In announcing the date for starting the compliance work, Mr. Slade appealed to the farmers for their cooperation in making the necessary surveys. "It is highly important that each farmer make available all information asked by the government," he explained.

Compliance work will be partially handled by aerial photographers, but just a fraction over half the county will be mapped from the air. The supervisors will have to check compliance on all the farms, however, Mr. Slade explaining that the aerial survey will only eliminate field measuring. An unexpected delay was reported in the aerial mapping work, information coming from the office of the county agent today stating that the photographers will start work some time next week.

Approximately 274 square miles, or more than half the territory in this county, will be mapped from about three miles in the air.

## Issue 50 Drivers' Licenses Monthly

The local office of the State Highway Patrol is handling 50 applications for drivers' licenses each month on an average in this county. Patrolman George A. Stewart said today. There are those just becoming of age and are just eligible to get into the great American parade on wheels. Then there are those whose fortune frowned upon until recently, and they are diverting part, if not all, their additional income for the purchase of cars, making necessary a license to operate the wagons.

More than 10,000 drivers have lost their licenses to operate cars in the State, the patrolman explaining that on an average about six drivers lose their licenses in this county each month. But every time one loses a license about eight others get them, so there is no immediate danger of running out of drivers, especially in the number of those riding on the rear seat.

## Tennis Club To Be Organized Tonight

Members of the Lions Club and others interested in the construction of two or more municipal tennis courts at the water plant here will meet in B. S. Courtney's store this evening at 7:30 o'clock, when final plans will be laid for advancing the project. Anyone interested in the game and parents of those children who play wherever and whenever possible are invited to be present and give the undertaking support. Considerable progress has been made in sponsoring the project by the Lions Club, but added support is needed to make possible the construction of at least two standard playing courts, it was pointed out.

### Miss Dailey Resigns From School Here

Miss Frances Dailey, teacher of the fifth grade in the local schools during the past two terms, resigned this week to accept a position in the Goldsboro schools, it was learned here today. Miss Dailey, re-elected by the local district committee, explained the term here only lasts eight months. The teacher visited here this week, returning Wednesday to her home in Wilson to spend the summer vacation.

The schools in this county and others in the State operating for only eight months are receiving second consideration by applicants in most instances. They are applying for positions in the schools having the longer terms first, it was stated.

Numerous applications for positions in the schools of this county are being received, however, according to information coming from the office of the superintendent of schools here today. Many of the applicants do not hold high standards, it was said.

No additions have been made to the local faculty, but applications will likely be given consideration week after next, it was learned.

## County Commissioners and Board Of Health Unanimously Approve Full-Time Service at Joint Meeting

### Tax Revaluation Drawing To Close; Listings Increased

The Martin commissioners will show an even greater gain, one or possibly get a peek in on the county property values at their regular meeting on Monday week, reports from the several districts indicating that the work in preparing the 1937 abstracts is progressing rapidly.

No authentic estimates have been advanced, but it is the common belief that the listings will show a gain of 10 to 15 per cent over the county. Some districts will possibly

## Daily Vacation Bible School Starts Monday

### Sponsored by Local Pastors' Association; Faculty Is Selected

Children of All Religious Denomination Will Be Welcomed in School

Williamston's third annual Daily Vacation Bible School gets underway in the Baptist church Monday morning at 9 o'clock, special invitations going to all children and young people in every denomination to attend and participate in the program. A varied program of instruction will be offered by a competent corps of teachers, and the school is almost certain to prove entertaining, as well as interesting and beneficial. Work in handicraft and recreational activities will be offered in addition to the Bible drills and religious programs. The several pastors of the town will participate in the school, and an able faculty has been selected to handle the instruction.

The Williamston Ministerial Association, in sponsoring the annual event, feels that it is one of the most beneficial services rendered the community, and the cooperation of the parents is urged that the school will meet with success.

Miss Eva Peel will head the school as dean and the several departments will be under the direction of the following: Russell Roebuck and Miss Ella Wynne Critcher, music; Misses Jane Parker and Josephine Grant, handicraft work for girls; Rev. John L. Goff, recreation for boys. Members of the faculty are: Beginners, 4-5, Miss Josephine Harrison, superintendent; Mrs. Dallas Frank, Mrs. H. O. Peel, and Miss Olena Swain; primaries, ages 6-8, Miss Marguerite Cooke, superintendent; Mrs. B. B. Rogerson and Mrs. Julian Harrell; Juniors, ages 9-11, Miss Ruth Manning, superintendent; and Misses Ella Wynne Critcher and Frances Bowen; intermediates, ages 12-14, Miss Eva Peel, superintendent, and Mrs. W. K. Parker.

### Record For Second Month To Be About Same as First Report

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## County Club Members In Plymouth for Meet Today

Home demonstration club women of this county are attending the district meeting of their organization in Plymouth today. Dean House, of the University of North Carolina, is the guest speaker.

## Hardly Possible To Inaugurate Service Before August First

### Developments Now Await Action by the County Board of Health

A full-time health service for Martin County was approved by the board of commissioners in special session here yesterday morning, the officials acting on the unanimous endorsement given the proposal by the county board of health at the request of the general public. The commissioners were unanimous in their decision, which they reached following a detailed review of the proposed service and the costs.

Further developments in the county-wide health program await action by the board of health. It is hardly possible to inaugurate the service before August 1 at the earliest, Mr. J. E. Pope, chairman of the health body, said. Mr. Pope added that it might be the first of January before the program can be launched, depending largely on the appointment of a health doctor. If the county can employ a doctor already trained in the service, it is thought the service will be made available by August, but if the State has to train an appointee of the county board of health then the program will be inaugurated about the first of the year, it was explained.

Several names have been placed before the authorities, who are expected to meet within the next two or three weeks to consider applications for the newly created position. Two health nurses, a sanitary inspector and other employees in the full-time department will be named following the appointment of a health officer.

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So far this month the officer has brought in 12 stills, as compared with the capture of 15 plants in April. Two arrests have been made in the drive to tear down the illegal liquor business, and several thousand gallons of beer and a few gallons of liquor have been destroyed.

The service calls for an appropriation of \$12,000 annually, the state and federal governments contributing nearly half, or \$4,500, leaving the remainder to come out of the county health fund. All expenditures now being made for the maintenance of a part-time county health service will be included in the \$7,500 the county is to raise for the new program. After the amount now spent for health service is deducted, the new program is not expected to necessitate any material increase in the general county tax rate.

It was pointed out that the new service cannot undertake the treatment of individuals, that its activities will be centered on preventive medicine, such as immunization against typhoid fever, smallpox and diphtheria, and clinics for checking the spread of venereal disease. Regular and frequent inspections of sanitary conditions affecting the public health will be made.

Other features of the program are: The perfection of an organization for the correction of physical defects; conducting an organization program to reduce maternal and infant deaths; institution of an adequate venereal disease and tuberculosis program; conducting educational and supervisory program that will go far toward correcting environmental sanitation; conducting epidemiological investigations and instituting adequate, intelligent, and effective measures for the prevention of the spread of communicable diseases; public health nurse visitation of homes of school children who are absent because of communicable diseases and in whom physical defects may be found; taking such steps as may be necessary to prevent the spread of disease and encouraging the correction of physical defects.

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Evans, Bear catcher, suffered an ankle injury in the game here Wednesday, but it was not a bad sprain and he is expected back in the line-up shortly.

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