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## Martins Drop Two To Hill Billies; Win Two From Greenies

### Still on Top by Margin of Few Percentage Points

Dropping their first series of the season last week, Art Hauger's Martins staged a comeback Saturday and Sunday to take two in a row from Bo Farley's Greenies and to hold by a few point margin to top position in the Coastal Plain loop. Keen competition continues to center around the race to root Art Hauger's boys from top place, a position they have held now for nearly one-fourth of the season. Goldsboro and Tarboro are now offering a big fight to wrest the lead and take it for themselves, while Kinston tightens its hold down around the cellar.

Last Friday the Martins dropped the second game to Snow Hill in a row by an 8-6 count. McCay hit 4 for 4 in the game, including a double and triple, and Messrs. Rollins and Strunk were wild as March hares. Some of the visitors were walked on and around in, the loss being checked to Strunk. It was the big left-hander's first loss, however, and it is a tame body that is not wild once in a while. Jefferson finished the game, and Charlie Stevens gave an account of himself with a home run and a single. Snow Hill garnered 12 hits while the Martins collected 15, the record shows. In the first inning Williamston took a 3-1 lead, principally by virtue of Stevens' circuit clout with one on. Snow Hill tied the count at that figure, and Williamston added 2 more, which Snow Hill promptly tied. The Billies then went ahead by one run, and then the Martins caught up at 6-4. Snow Hill added two in the eighth to provide the margin of victory.

It was a close and a good game the Martins won 4-3 over Greenville at Greenville Saturday afternoon, when Rollins and Jefferson worked on the mound for the locals. Lakotas hit 3 for 4 to feature the Martins' batting attack against Delaney. Earp and Stevens followed closely with 2 safeties each.

Larry Wade held the Greenies to 7 hits here Sunday afternoon and coasted in after Stanley and Deim had put the game on ice with their bats in the first inning. The final count was 11-1. Stanley homered in the first with one on and Deim duplicated with a homer in the same frame to score 2 runs ahead of him. The Martins added 4 more runs in the fourth and two in the seventh, the Greenies scoring their lone tally in the seventh game on a single and triple.

## Several Tried by Mayor This Week

Mayor John L. Hassell's court broke into the limelight over the week-end, the activities reaching a climax this morning, when a case was booked for trial charging G. P. Hall and W. D. Mishoe with an affray on the Main Street. Hall submitted to the law immediately after the disturbance, but the case has not yet been set for trial. It was stated that the disturbance was the result of some personal grievance growing out of the dismissal of a relative of the defendant Hall from the operating room of the local telephone company several weeks ago. Several blows were passed, but no material damage was done, eye witnesses to the affray stated.

"I had it in my system, and I just had to get it out. It's all right now, and I want to submit," Mr. Hall told the court in assisting the books of his own case.

Yesterday the justice cleared several old cases from his court docket. Claude and Sam Peel, colored men charged with disturbing the peace at a school program in Griffins Township the early part of last month, were fined \$2.50 each and taxed with the cost.

Rod Rodgers and Willie Williams, charged with drunkenness, were sentenced to the roads for 30 days, Justice Hassell suspending the sentence upon payment of the costs and guaranteed good behavior.

Judgment was suspended upon payment of the cost in the case charging Ben Nichols with being drunk and disorderly.

## Instruction in Flying To Be Offered Next Saturday

Instruction in aviation will be offered by members of the Rocky Mount Flying School on the field just across the river fill in Bertie County Saturday afternoon of this week.

## Believe Commutation Likely in Watson Case

### HEALTH REPORT

Five cases of contagious diseases were reported in this county last month, death following in at least one of them, according to a report filed in the office of the county health officer this week. There were three cases of diphtheria and one of chickenpox in Williamston Township and one diphtheria case in Hamilton.

The small child of Mr. and Mrs. Walter Barnes, of Williamston Township, a victim of diphtheria, died during the period.

## Wallace For Farm Plan But Committee Leader Is Cautious

### Jones Says He Doubts Wisdom of Legislation at This Time

A flat endorsement of the proposed "agricultural adjustment act of 1937," by Secretary Wallace a few days ago met immediately with a slow-down signal from the house agriculture chairman.

Wallace asked congress to enact the measure "at the earliest possible date," but Chairman Jones, Democrat, Texas, advised him congress should have more definite information. Jones said he doubted the wisdom of the legislation at this time.

"I am strongly in favor of the principles and purposes of the bill," Wallace said, in testifying before Jones' committee on the measure, advanced recently by the American Farm Bureau Federation and other farm organizations.

"We've got a pretty good program in effect now," said Jones, in reply. "Should the new program be tied up by injunction or be held invalid, we would find ourselves without a farm program."

Wallace outlined the features of the bill as:

1. To protect consumers against drought disasters such as in the years of 1934 and 1936.

2. To minimize wide fluctuations in the price of basic farm commodities in the interest of both consumers and producers.

3. To stabilize farm income as far as possible as a "fair" level.

The measure embodies such features as Wallace's "ever-normal" granary, commodity loans, crop insurance, soil conservation and production control.

Chairman Jones, in his comment on Wallace's statement, said the soil conservation program in effect had an advantage in that it does not interfere with the normal plan of commodities in trade.

Wallace explained that the objective of the measure was to assure the farmers "parity price" for basic commodities. Such a price, he said, would give those commodities the same buying power they had in 1909 through 1914.

It would do this, he said, "through a system of loans to farmers to protect their prices and storage of reserve supplies against years of short crops, coupled with supplementary means to guard against accumulation of ruinous surpluses."

When prices were below parity, producers would be paid "parity payments," designed to raise the producer's income to the level it could have been under parity prices.

In years when heavy surpluses threatened, all farmers would be given marketing quotas. Violators would be assessed penalty taxes and fines.

## Marked Gain Reported In North Carolina's Revenue

North Carolina collected more money in the last eleven months than it ever has in a whole year before, according to information coming out of Raleigh this week.

Collections for the 11-month period ending May 30 were \$34,996,202.62, eight million dollars more than was collected over the same period in 1936 and an increase of more than three and a half millions over the year 1935-36.

Should June collections equal two millions, as was the case last year, revenue for the fiscal year ending the 30th of this month would exceed all previous records by more than five million dollars.

## Scheduled To Die in State Gas Chamber Friday of Next Week

### Foremen of Grand and Trial Juries Recommend Clemency

Unofficial information received here today indicated that Alvin W. Watson, the young white boy who was convicted in the Martin County Superior Court last December for the murder of Thomas Holliday, young white man, in Robersonville the month before, will not die on Friday of next week, his scheduled execution date. No official announcement has been released, but it is very likely, according to information reaching here, that the death sentence will be commuted to life imprisonment.

Henry D. Hardison, Watson's attorney, had a conference last Saturday with Judge M. V. Barnhill, who presided at the young man's trial. The attorney explained that he was not at liberty to divulge any information in connection with the conference, but he did say the meeting was very satisfactory. It is almost certain that if the judge recommends commutation of the sentence, the governor will recognize the recommendation.

It will be recalled at the time of the trial that Judge Barnhill commented on Watson's chance in life, that the youthful criminal was a victim of a cruel society. No effort could be made, however, to refute the criminal record of the boy.

Reliable reports also state that J. L. Coltraine, foreman of the grand jury which brought the indictment of murder against Watson, and C. C. Keys, of the trial jury, have recommended mercy be shown Watson and that his death sentence be changed to life imprisonment.

The appeal for clemency in the case is founded on the belief that Watson did not do the actual killing and that the boy never had much of a chance in life. However, it is recalled that Willis Bullock, second defendant in the case, was found not guilty.

## Jail Assailant of Colored Woman

Ida Wynn, young colored woman of near Jamesville, was painfully beaten and shot but not seriously hurt by Thurman Bell, 22-year-old colored man, at her home last Saturday night. Fired upon with a pistol, only one of the five shots struck her. It tore through her heel at an angle, plowing into the flesh and bone a depth of about 1 inch before glancing and continuing on out.

Claiming that she had "treated me wrong," Bell went to the home of his sweetheart, threw her to the floor and beat her with his fists. While she was lying on the floor he shot at her, four of the shots missing their mark.

County officers arrested Bell late that night and placed him in jail to await trial. The prosecuting witness was unable to attend court here yesterday, and the case was scheduled for trial in the county court next Monday.

## New Pitcher Signed by Martins; Let Gardner Go

Irvin Biggie, Johnstown, Pa. young man, was added to the pitching staff of the Martins here over the week-end. He succeeds Slim Gardner, who is retiring to give more time to his farm work and fishing activities.

The new man was sent here by the St. Louis Browns and will get an assignment on the mound this week, Manager Hauger said today.

## Christian Church To Hold Prayer Service Thursday

The Williamston Christian church, by action of its board Sunday, will hold its prayer services on Thursday at 8 p. m., instead of Wednesday as heretofore.

## Infant of Mr. and Mrs. Tom Anderson Dies in Wilson

The infant daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Tom Anderson, of Wilson, died in a hospital there yesterday afternoon. The mother was Miss Frances Gurganus, of Williamston, before her marriage.

## Daily Bible School Gets Underway With Enrollment of 124

### Sponsored by Churches of Community; To Last Two Weeks

The community union Daily Vacation Bible School, sponsored by the churches of Williamston, opened Monday morning for a two-week program of recreation, handicraft, and instruction in Bible.

Rev. John L. Goff, of the Christian church, led the worship service at the initial session. Following the brief devotional, department heads and helpers enrolled students in their several departments. The first-day enrollments were: 10 boys, 14 girls and 1 teacher in the beginners' group; 15 boys, 19 girls, and 1 teacher in the primary group; 14 boys, 23 girls, and 2 teachers in the junior group; and 10 boys, 19 girls and 1 teacher in the intermediate group. The totals for the day were: 49 boys, 75 girls, 5 teachers, and 2 special workers—a grand total of 131 for the school, smaller in number by 5 than last year's opening figures.

A number of teachers and workers solicited were unable to serve, and so leaders in the school were obliged to try to enlist extra assistants after the opening session.

The first two general meetings were held in the Christian church, but on Wednesday morning the several departments will meet at 9 o'clock in the churches where they will hold their regular classroom activities: The beginners' group, in the Methodist church; the primary group, in the Episcopal church; the junior group, in the Christian church; and the intermediate group in the Presbyterian church.

Rev. Mr. Goff will direct the junior and intermediate boys in their recreational activities, and Misses Josephine Grant and Jane Parker will be in charge of the junior and intermediate girls during their work periods. Mrs. Dallas Frank, Mrs. J. H. Harrell, Miss Ruth Manning, Miss Frances Bowen, and Miss Eva Irene Peele were the teachers present Monday.

## Negro Is Critically Injured in Fight at Pulp Mill Monday

### Matthew Hart Surrenders To Police After Cutting Joe Wilson

Joe Wilson, Charlotte negro, is in a Washington hospital in a critical condition following a knife attack made on him by Matthew Hart, Sanford negro, at the Kieckhefer pulp mill in the lower part of the county yesterday afternoon. Wilson, just six hours out of the Martin jail when the attack took place, had one of his lungs punctured, reports from the hospital this morning describing his condition as critical.

Hart, employee of the Norfolk Southern Railroad, surrendered to police and was jailed here last evening.

Reports indicate that Hart acted in self-defense after avoiding Wilson on two previous occasions. Wilson claimed Hart had insulted him about two weeks ago, but Hart denied any knowledge of the claim when questioned in jail here this morning. He added that Wilson had been drinking and followed him from Plymouth to the mill site camp and later to the railroad yards, where the attack took place.

Wilson was jailed here the middle of last month for nearly cutting to death Joe Ben Vance, another negro, in a fight on the railroad yards at the pulp mill. Vance and other witnesses were summoned here yesterday for trial, but they failed to report and Wilson was released. He had been out of jail only about six hours when he was in trouble again, this time the victim of a knife attack.

## Warklike Acts Threatens European Peace Again

The peace of Europe and possibly that of the world was threatened again yesterday when German warships bombarded the Spanish seaport of Almeria, killing at least 20 persons and injuring at least 100 others. The act was claimed in retaliation for the bombing by the Spanish Loyalist government of the German battleship, Deutschland, last Saturday, killing six men. European governments are making frantic efforts to prevent a German-Spanish war, but the recent activities are admitted to have aggravated the situation of unrest centered around Spain's civil war.

## Welfare Board Named For County This Week

### Joshua L. Coltraine, E. C. Shoe, Robert Everett Members

### Organization To Be Perfected at Meeting Scheduled Friday Morning

The personnel for the Martin County Welfare Board was announced complete yesterday following the acceptance by Mr. Robert Everett, of Palmyra, as a third member of the body. Mr. Joshua L. Coltraine, of Williams Township, former county commissioner, was named as a member of the board by State welfare authorities some time ago, and Rev. E. C. Shoe, Robersonville Baptist minister, was appointed by the Martin County commissioners. The Messrs. Coltraine and Shoe named Mr. Everett as the third member of the board at a meeting held last Saturday.

The organization of the board will be perfected at a meeting of the three members next Friday morning, when they will make a detailed study of the proposed 1937-38 budget. A preliminary budget estimate has been prepared by Miss Mary Taylor, head of the welfare work in the county, and it will be subject to change at the hands of the welfare board and again at the hands of the county commissioners at their regular meeting next Monday. A conservative budget has been prepared, and no material changes are expected.

During the fiscal year ending May 21, the welfare budget called for appropriations in the sum of \$15,456. During the current year, the budget calls for a total of \$18,855, the approximately \$3,000 increase being supported by claims of the aged, the blind, and dependent children. Material reductions were made in operating costs at the county home, and it is possible that \$4,500 can still further be reduced as the security act operation gets fully underway.

While the budget represents only estimates and is subject to change, it provides the following amounts for financing welfare activities: administration, \$2,500; old-age assistance, \$4,200; dependent children, \$3,000; blind, \$750; general relief, \$1,000; hospitalization, \$2,000; local medical care, \$300; pauper burials, \$250; and county home, \$4,500; a combined total of \$18,855.

Under the provisions of this preliminary budget, the State and Federal Governments will contribute \$23,820 as their combined share in financing the social security program the amount including more than half the administration costs.

The newly named welfare board is not scheduled to consider applications for old-age assistance or those applications from dependent children and blind persons before July 1. Forms for filing applications have not yet been received in this county, but they will be ready for distribution within the next two or three weeks, it is thought.

## Charges Against Local Man Are Considered

Harry A. Biggs, prominent local man, is subject to be haled into the courts for harboring what the neighbors say is a common nuisance on his New Town premises. Action by the threatening prosecution depends on how many times Mr. Biggs' peacock squawks about daybreak during the next few days, it was explained.

## Teddy Jackson To Enter Hospital for Treatment

Teddy Jackson, who has been in feeble health for the past several months, following a severe attack of pneumonia at the home of his sister, Mrs. Pleny Peel, in Griffins Township, plans to enter a hospital for treatment within the next few days.

## Robt. Gurganus Connected With Furniture Company

Robert Gurganus, expert woodworker and an employee of the Williamston Supply Company since its establishment here several years ago, has accepted a position with the and Made Furniture Company here and will specialize in the manufacture of general building materials, it was announced today.

### STORES CLOSE

The attention of housewives and of other local store patrons is again called to the half holiday schedule that goes into effect tomorrow afternoon for the first time. They are cordially urged to handle their shopping early as the stores suspend business for the day at 1 o'clock. The half-holiday schedule will continue in effect each Wednesday during June, July, and August, in accordance with a petition carrying 100 per cent support.

## Negroes Overpower Special Officer and Take Away Pistol

### Joe H. Roebuck Slightly Injured Near Palmyra Last Saturday Afternoon

Joe H. Roebuck, special enforcement officer for the Martin County ABC Board, was attacked and his life threatened while performing his duties in the upper part of the county, near Palmyra, last Saturday afternoon. The officer was painfully but not seriously hurt on his hands when his assailants wrested a pistol from him, but no actual blows were directed on the body of the officer. No arrests have been made in the case, but two are expected momentarily, according to unofficial reports here this morning.

The officer, with Chief Early, of Oak City, was searching the home and premises of Ed Burnett, 60-year-old negro, for liquor when the old man broke away and ran several hundred yards into the woods. Officer Roebuck, completing the search for the liquor, started after Burnett. Joe Gainer, young negro who was visiting Burnett when the search started, ran behind, and without the knowledge of the officer, Burnett was only a short distance in the woods when the officer stopped him. They were returning to the house when Burnett attempted to break away. Officer Roebuck caught him the second time and Burnett turned on him quickly, grabbed him around the arms, and in the scuffle both of the men fell. Gainer started closing in on them, and the officer pulled his gun from its holster but not in time to hold Gainer at bay. The two then overpowered the officer and took the gun and started to run. Officer Roebuck again started to catch Burnett, but Gainer drew the pistol and threatened the life of the officer, who was warned not to touch the man again.

A posse was quickly formed, and the search for the men continued a greater part of Saturday night. It is believed that Gainer escaped and that Burnett is afraid to come out of the woods. The two gallons of illegal liquor found buried on the premises were confiscated.

## Little Rainfall Here During May

A comparatively light rainfall was recorded here during the past month the weather station on the Roanoke River reporting only 1.41 inches of rain during the period. More than half the rain fell last Friday night, the gauge showing nearly 3-4 inch at this point.

With one exception, the rainfall last month was the lightest in May in seven years. In May a year ago, only 1.09 inches of rain fell here.

The rain, while fairly general in this section, was very light in nearby counties.

A world of good to crops followed the rain, but farmers state that it continues unusually dry.

## Cowpasture Team Noses Out Town Boys, 41 To 5

Bennie Weaver's cowpasture baseball nine walloped Billie Mercer's No. 9 town team yesterday, 41 to 5, "and that ain't no bull," the young pasture nine reporter explained in a footnote of the report. Young Weaver certainly had some thing on the ball, the reporter went on to explain, for the town lads went utless during several innings. Kinsey Woods caught Weaver. J. D. Woodard did the mound work for the Mercer invaders and Oscar Anderson caught.

## Mrs. Irene Smith, 81, Dies at Home Here Saturday Morning

### One of Town's Oldest and Most Highly Respected Citizens Passes

Mrs. Irene Smith, one of Williamston's oldest and most highly respected citizens, died at her home on Watts Street here last Saturday morning at 8:30 o'clock following a long period of declining health. However, despite her advanced age and failing health she continued active her home and in her religious worship until just a few months ago.

Mrs. Smith was born in Plymouth 81 years ago last November 21, the daughter of the late John McCauslin Boyle and Mary A. Plumb Boyle. Her father was a native of Ireland and her mother came to this country from the Isle of Wight, Wales. In 1884 she was married to Alexander Hall Smith, of Scotland Neck. They made their home in Williamston, where Mr. Smith was long a member of the Martin County Bar Association, or until his death a number of years ago. Her husband served the cause of the Confederacy as a soldier, and Mrs. Smith was one of the few ranking Confederate widows in this county.

A thoughtful mother and neighbor, Mrs. Smith was a good woman, and was held in high esteem by all who knew her. She was long a member of the Church of the Advent here, adhering strictly to its religious teachings and giving it her support in full measure at all times. She attended the services without fail until she fell ill, and in her walk with her Master she found contentment and hope, enjoying life and a large friendship.

Funeral services were conducted from the church here Sunday afternoon at 3 o'clock by Rev. Edwin F. Moseley, rector. Interment followed in the Trinity churchyard, Scotland Neck, the burial ground for the Smith family for a number of generations.

Mrs. Smith was the last member of the family and is survived by three daughters, Mrs. Joseph H. Saunders and Miss Mary Smith, of Williamston; and Mrs. D. Collin Barnes, of Murfreesboro; and one son, Richard Hall Smith, of Williamston.

## Mysterious Attacks On Three Colored Women Unsolved

### Two Occur Early Monday Morning; Other Last Midnight

Three colored women were mysteriously attacked in the Griffin Town section here early yesterday morning and last night, reports from the police department this morning stating all efforts to solve the attacks had failed so far. Police are not certain, but they are of the opinion that the same man who attacked Frances Williams and Leona Rodgers, both colored, about 4 o'clock yesterday morning at their home on Warren Street also attacked Roxie Wilder, also colored, in the Griffin Town section about midnight last night.

The attacks were patterned after activities by the alleged "Squeezer," who caused considerable excitement in Tarboro during recent weeks. None of the victims was able to offer a description of the man for he is said to have worn a hood over his head and shoulders. He had a small hat and was slightly taller than the average person, it was said.

Breaking into the Williams home just about daybreak yesterday morning, the man struck Frances Williams over the head with some kind of weapon, inflicting a gash that required the attention of a doctor. Six stitches were taken to close the wound. Aroused by the noise made when the man forced his way through a window, the Williams woman screamed and started to get off her bed just as the man struck her. Leona Rodgers, her sister, who was sleeping in another room, heard the scream and started to her room. Just as she entered the room, the man struck her over the head, but the blow was not as severe as the one landed on the head of the Williams woman. The husbands of the two women were jailed the evening before for alleged drunkenness, and they were not at home when the attack was made.

About midnight last night, someone ran up behind Roxie Wilder, grown colored woman, and threw his arms around her as she was walking along the street on her way home. The woman screamed, and the attacker loomed her and ran.