

Crippled Martins Continue To Hold Lead by Few Points

Local Club Officials Enter Protest Following Game In Tarboro Sunday

The Martins, badly handicapped by injuries, managed to limp thru the last four games and hold onto their league lead by a margin of a few points. The team lost to Goldsboro Friday, 8-0; defeated Tarboro 6-5 here Saturday; played to an 11-inning 5-5 tie in Tarboro Sunday and lost to the Edgecombers 5-3 yesterday. The ending of Sunday's game was protested to the league president and a ruling on the protest is expected this week.

After defeating Goldsboro 3-2 behind 2-hit pitching by Jefferson here last Thursday, the Martins journeyed over and took an 8-0 whitewash at the hands of Kunis and the Bugs Friday. Williamston garnered but 6 hits off the league's ace pitcher, and no two of them came in the same inning. Howard Earp got two to pace the hitters. Strunk started for the locals, but went out under fire in the fourth and Biggie took over and pitched 4-hit ball the rest of the route.

Larry Wade had Tarboro pretty well under control Saturday, allowing 8 hits and 5 runs, and he also had a good day at bat with a single and one of the longest homers of the year in the local park. No one was on at the time, but his single in the sixth battled in another run. Stevens got a circuit drive on top of the gym in the seventh with one on, driving in what proved to be the winning run. Earp had 3 singles, Stanley, McCay and Wade two hits each to feature the 13-hit attack on Heutz and Barnes.

The game in Tarboro Sunday, before one of the largest crowds of the season was one of the best of the year—up to the 12th inning. Jefferson got off to a bad start, 4 hits and a pair of walks accounting for 4 runs for Tarboro in the first. The Martins fought back, however, and managed to pick up 2 runs in the third and 3 more in the eighth to go ahead. The "Snakes" promptly tied the count in their half of the same frame and the game went into extra innings. In Tarboro's half of the tenth, it looked as if the game was lost when Myers, first up, slammed out a triple to right center. Jefferson forced Carnahan to pop to Deim, and then Skipper Hauger used a little strategy that is often tried but seldom works. He ordered Jefferson to pass Ware and Rimmer, filling the bases; then, with Snake Henry, a left-hand hitter, up, he sent in Biggie, southpaw, to relieve Jefferson. Henry smacked a line drive that Earp gathered in a leaping catch and apparently doubled Ware off second. The umpire ruled Ware safe, however, but Davis obliged by grounding to first unassisted. In the twelfth, with 13 minutes to go, Lakatos walked, stole second and

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Fire Destroys Farm Buildings Near Here

Fire starting from a bolt of lightning, destroyed the stables and storage barns on the old Whitaker farm, near here, early last Saturday morning, causing a loss estimated at more than \$3,500. Mr. L. B. Harrison, the owner, stated that only \$400 worth of insurance was carried on the building and contents.

Six mules and a goat were burned to death and a seventh mule was badly burned. A peanut picker, hay press, tractor, about 700 bales of hay and 5 acres of oats just recently stored in the 40 by 60 building were also burned.

Two Colored Boys Injured By Gas Barrel Explosion

Jasper Wiggins and Auburn Wiggins, young colored boys, were badly injured last Friday afternoon when a gasoline barrel exploded in the front yard of the Wiggins home on Sycamore Street. Jasper suffered three fractures of the skull, but he was able to be out Sunday. The other boy was badly burned, but he, too, is getting along all right.

The boys were playing with matches and threw a lighted one into the barrel. The explosion tore the end out of the barrel and rock-

Clean-Up Movement Given Boost by Town Authorities

Representatives of the Woman's Club directed a formal appeal to the Williamston town commissioners in regular session last evening for support of the clean-up movement here. No definite program was outlined for an attack on filth spots and the general appearance of vacant lots, dump heaps and back lots.

The representatives urged a more frequent collection of garbage and the lining of the town trash dump and outdoor privies. They also pointed out the necessity of cleaning up breeding places of flies, and called attention of the board to the

need of cleaning up the cemetery. It was pointed out by the board that the town did not have absolute control over the cemetery management, but that it would be glad to cooperate in any improvement program there. No threats will be made, but the town authorities are appealing to all owners to clean off their vacant lots, and plans were made to have garbage collected three times each week. Extra men will be employed two or three days every two weeks to lime privies, the town trash dump and breeding places for flies and mosquitoes.

Budget Approved by Board of Education

REDUCE PERSONNEL

Recognized as a step toward economy, State WPA authorities are centralizing the finance units of the organization in Raleigh this coming week-end. The personnel in the finance division of the WPA district offices here will be reduced by 15 or more, it was said. Employees in the department are expected to re-apply for continued service after the change is made, the authorities to select a limited number from the list of applicants.

Following the withdrawal of the finance division next Saturday and Sunday, the district offices here will have a personnel of about 60 employees.

Bible School Here Enters Final Week

The local daily vacation Bible school entered its second week yesterday, reports from the school stating that interest was still "running high."

From an enrollment of 202 for the entire school (special workers included), there was an average daily attendance of 150.2 the first week. The 39 enrolled in the beginners' department made an average daily attendance of 27.4 for the period; the 62 in the primary department, 46.2; the 48 in the junior department, 42.2; and the 45 in the intermediate department, 34.4.

On Friday evening of this week at 8 o'clock, the commencement exercises of the school will be held in the Methodist church. A very interesting and practical program, an ensemble of the various types of work done during the school, will be rendered, and ministers and faculty wish to invite and urge public attendance upon the final exercises. An offering will be taken. This, with the daily collections, will by agreement of all workers at the council Monday morning, go as an initial fund for the establishment of a public library in Williamston.

Mayor Temporarily Heads Firemen Here

Plans for the reorganization of the local volunteer fire department were considered by the town commissioners in regular session here last evening. Mayor J. L. Hassell was named temporarily as acting chief of the department, and he will preside at a reorganization meeting to be held next Monday evening.

An open call is being directed to those who wish to continue as members of the organization, and membership will be open to additional young men, it was said. Those members who are no longer active in the department or who are ineligible for membership are expected to offer their resignations, the town authorities suggesting that honorary membership be maintained in several cases.

Definite plans for reorganizing the company have not been advanced at this time.

Work Progressing Rapidly On Legion Hut Here Today

Construction work on the American Legion hall is progressing rapidly on Watts Street here today, but it was almost certain at noon today that the task could not be completed by nightfall. Thirty members of the legion and friends reported for work on the structure early today, and they were served lunch by the auxiliary.

Secure Commercial Teacher for Local School Next Session

To Make Study of Needs of New Schools at Parmele And Gold Point

Meeting in regular session Monday, the Martin County Board of Education approved the county school budget for the coming term, approved a commercial department for the Williamston High School and made plans to meet again next Monday to investigate the needs of a colored building at Gold Point and possibly repairs for the colored school at Parmele. All members of the board, Messrs. Ange, Martin, Griffin, Woolard, and Eubanks, were present for the meeting.

The budget calls for an appropriation of \$70,000 to meet bonded debt requirements, maintenance of plants and vocational instruction. Nearly \$50,000 of the budget will be necessary to meet debt obligations. Approximately \$17,000 will be needed to maintain the several plants, it was estimated. Several thousand dollars will be used in paying for the improvements to the Bear Grass school plant, it was pointed out. The budget is some smaller than it was last year, and a reduction in the rate is predicted by the board chairman.

Headed by members of the Williamston parent-teacher association, a delegation went before the board and asked that instruction in commercial subjects be made available. The department was approved, the officials explaining that approximately \$800 will be required to finance the project the first year, that the cost would be materially reduced the second year. The instruction carries a \$2 monthly tuition, and revenue from that source will almost support the work after equipment for the department has been purchased, it was pointed out.

Small Child Dies in Williams Township

Reports claiming the three months old son of Mrs. Annie Phelps Perry had been murdered by his mother were discredited by Coroner S. R. Biggs and the police after they went to the humble home of the family in the islands section of Williams Township Sunday morning and investigated the case. The cause of the child's death was given as "not known" on the certificate filed with the registrar of vital statistics. It was apparent that the child died of malnutrition or plain starvation, the mother explaining to the officers that she had not been able to finance visits to doctors or buy nourishing food for the little bit of humanity. The limbs of the child were described by the coroner as being no larger than his thumb.

Young Colored Boy Badly Cut In Fight Here Today

Eugene White, young colored boy, was gashed on the head by William Henry Biggs, another colored youth, in a back-lot fight here just before noon today. Using a razor blade, he Biggs had left two ugly gashes in White's head, one several inches long.

Details of the fight could not be learned, but it was said that White was about to attack the Biggs kid with a stick and that Biggs immediately went into action on the offensive. Biggs is said to carry various weapons on his person nearly all the time and was generally ready to accept any challenge.

Negro Cyclist Struck By Auto Saturday Night Dies Sunday

Dick Fagan Is Fourth To Lose Life On Roads In The County This Year

Dick Fagan, middle-aged colored man of Williams Township, was fatally hurt when he ran his bicycle into a car driven by Wendell W. Griffin, Jr., on the Jamesville Road, near Holly Springs, early last Saturday night. Suffering fractures of both legs and one arm and receiving injuries about the chest and head that rendered the man unconscious, Fagan died in a Washington hospital Sunday morning. It was the fourth highway fatality in the county this year, and the second near the Holly Springs church.

Young Griffin was exonerated of blame, following an investigation of the accident by County authorities. Fagan, riding his bicycle toward Jamesville, is said to have turned into the path of the car just a few seconds before the two vehicles met. The man was thrown partly through the windshield. He was said to have been drinking.

He was brought here and given first-aid treatment before his removal to a Washington hospital.

Fagan was the father of 12 or 13 children.

Three of the four persons killed on the highways of the county this year were pedestrians, and Fagan, the fourth victim, was riding a bicycle.

19 Marriage Licenses Issued Last Month By Register of Deeds

Issuance for May Smallest Of Any Month So Far This Year

Nineteen marriage licenses were issued in this county last month by Register of Deeds J. Sam Gettlinger, 9 to white and 10 to colored couples. The issuance, while the smallest of the year, was the largest for any May on record. Seven years ago only 6 licenses were issued during the month of May, the number holding about the same during the depression. In 1934, more people started getting married in that month, and now there are more marriages in May than there were in any one month during 1931 and 1932.

Licenses were issued to the following:

White
Frank White and Rosa Briley, both of Pitt County.

Samuel Harcom Grimes and Martha Louise Anderson, both of Williamston.

Curtis Woodrow Mosley, of Roanoke Rapids, and Louise Maverine Davis, of Jamesville.

Garland Riddick, of Martin County, and Ruby Gurganus, of Beaufort County.

J. E. Shearin, of Hobgood, and Lanell Kennedy, of Claxton, Ga.

David Ange and Mamie Mae Ange both of Jamesville.

Albert F. Coltrain and Rebecca Ausbon Rogers, both of Martin County.

Elwood Ayers and Naomi Ipock, both of Hassell.

Joseph Redden Tyre, of Martin County, and Pauline Hardison, of Washington.

Colored
King Smith and Ora Johnson, both of Martin County.

Thurston Leathers, of Oak City, and Dorothy Cherry, of Hassell.

Pete Wilson and Retha Harrell, both of Robersonville.

Daniel Morris and Queen Moore, both of Jamesville.

Bruce Wilder and Gladys Ward, both of Martin County.

William C. Johnson, of Tarboro, and Jessie Mae Williams, of Martin County.

John Arthur Worley and Violee Council, both of Martin County.

Floyd Harrell and Fannie Riddick both of Oak City.

David Cromwell and Martha Williams, both of Williamston.

Alexander Dollberry and Cathalia Spruill, both of Oak City.

County People To Leave Thursday for Asheville

Martin County home club members and friends plan to leave Williamston Thursday morning for a tour of western North Carolina. Fourteen have signed for the trip, and there are openings for six others, the home agent said today. Anyone interested in making the trip should see Miss Lora Sleeper at once.

Confederate Widows To Get Pension Checks Inside Week

The dozen or more widows of Confederate veterans are certain to get their pension checks next week. Clerk of Court L. B. Wynne said yesterday. It was reported a few days ago that the pension list would be superseded by the old-age assistance program, but it was later ruled that the war pensions would be paid independently of any action that might be taken by those handling the security program.

It is possible that some widows in

the county will be eligible for old-age assistance in the future and that their names will be dropped from the pension list.

The names of those eligible for pensions as widows of Confederate veterans were certified to State Auditor Pou a few days ago by Clerk of Court L. B. Wynne. The list is believed to be the smallest in a number of years, several of the widows having passed away since last December.

Million-Dollar Gain Is Shown in Tax Listings

Lists Received From 8 Out of 10 Listers by Board Last Monday

Taxable Wealth Expected To Show Gain of About Ten Percent

In a session that lasted until well after 6 o'clock Monday, the Martin County commissioners handled a number of problems and received the tax lists from eight of the ten list-takers, the officials ordering another meeting of their body on the third Monday of this month to hear any complaints on assessed property valuations. Messrs. J. E. Pope, chairman; R. L. Perry, R. A. Haislip, and C. A. Roberson were present.

An accurate review of the tax values has not been completed, but information released during the meeting indicated that the lists would show a gain of approximately one million dollars. At least one district reported a gain of nearly 24 per cent the average increase for the county ranging around 14 per cent over the listings a year ago. Revaluation of properties was effected this year, and it is believed that many property owners will appeal to the commissioners when they sit on June 21 as a tax board of equalization and review.

The board allowed \$5 a day for the services of the revaluation board members and approved the following allowances for the list-takers: Jamesville, \$150; Williams, \$100; Griffins, \$125; Bear Grass, \$125; Williamston, \$400; Cross Roads, \$140; Robersonville, \$300; Poplar Point, \$100; Hamilton, \$150; and Goose Nest, \$160. The payments were based partially on the increase in listings and the amount of work handled by each list-taker.

A contract for the audit of the county books was let to Greathouse and Butler, the audit to cost \$300.

A delegation from Bear Grass went before the board and asked that a petition be presented the State Highway and Public Works Commission urging the paving of the road from the town of Bear Grass to Highway No. 17.

Miss Mary W. Taylor was unanimously reelected superintendent of the county welfare department for the next two years. The welfare budget was slightly altered, the commissioners reduced proposed salary figures from \$1,200 to \$900 and travel allowance from \$600 to \$400. The budget, as altered by the commissioners, calls for an appropriation of \$18,895, which amount includes estimated costs for financing the county's participation in the social security program.

The location for the newly established full-time health service was discussed, but action was delayed, pending certain developments that are scheduled to take place in the WPA offices in the Williamston town hall the latter part of this week. If it isn't convenient to locate the offices in that building, it is likely that arrangements will be made to house the department in the courthouse.

Small Child Slightly Hurt When Struck by Car Here

The small daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Jimmie Harris, of the Spring Green community of this county, was slightly hurt when struck by a car driven by James Herbert Ward on the Main Street here last Friday afternoon. The child, after waiting for several cars to pass, apparently failed to see Mr. Ward driving along the street and walked into the path of the car. The driver had almost stopped the car when it struck her and knocked her down. Mr. Ward had the child carried to a doctor's office for treatment, and she was soon released.

Town Board Holds Lengthy Session at Start of New Term

Water, Sewer and Street Improvement Program Gets Attention

Entering upon a new two-year term last evening, Williamston's town board of commissioners continued in session the greater part of two hours handling the reorganization of their body, appointments of various town employees and listening to representatives of the Woman's Club, county board of education, the baseball club, and Marshall Avenue residents.

The reorganization of the town's official family was delayed temporarily, but Clerk of Court L. B. Wynne administered the oaths of office on time, and the officials courteously listened to the several delegations. Only a few minutes were spent late in the evening completing the reorganization as follows: L. P. Lindsley, mayor pro tem; G. H. Harrison, clerk; N. C. Green, treasurer; R. E. Manning, superintendent of the water and street departments; W. H. Daniel, police chief; J. H. Allsbrook, John Roebuck, J. S. Gurganus, and E. Ramie, members of the police department; and Coburn and Coburn, town attorneys. The personnel remains the same in its entirety, and no change in the salary schedule was effected.

An improvement program was discussed at length, but no official action was taken. Additions to the water and sewer systems on Railroad, Elm and one or two other streets and the replacement of a water line out West Main Street were mentioned along with the laying of sidewalks on Warren and Grace Streets and Marshall Avenue and possibly the top surfacing of Marshall Avenue, Warren, Hassell and Grace Streets. More attention will be given the tentative improvement program at the next meeting of the authorities.

Marshall Avenue residents, while not urging the surfacing of the drive pointed out that they were living in a little dust bowl and asked that the town oil the road. Efforts are to be made at once that a remedy may be effected.

The town pledged a \$400 cash donation to the county board of education for the establishment of a commercial department in the local high school. It is understood that the town will purchase equipment with the \$400 and lend it to the school.

A contract for the term audit was awarded Greathouse and Butler at a consideration of \$150.

The baseball club finances were bolstered by a \$100 donation.

No Official Action In Watson's Case

No official announcement that Alvin W. Watson's death sentence will be commuted to life imprisonment has been received here, but it is almost certain that his life will not be taken on Friday of this week. If the sentence is not commuted to life imprisonment, it will be at least 30 days before the young killer of Thomas Holliday in Robersonville last November will be executed. Repairs are being made to the prison in Raleigh, throwing the gas chamber temporarily out of use, it is understood.

Action on Watson's appeal for mercy will possibly be taken late today or tomorrow, according to unofficial information received here this morning.

Dry Weather Continues Its Grip In This Section

Dry weather continued to hold its grip on this section today, but dark skies gave promises of rain, the weather prophets stating that now a wet season is to be expected. Last Friday night a quarter-of-an-inch rain fell in this section, and last night there was a trace of rain. Strong wind accompanied both rains but no great damage was done to property. Electric service was interrupted several hours late last Friday night when lightning splintered a pole near Conetoe.

County Welfare Board Organization Perfected

The organization of the Martin County Welfare Department was effected over the week-end, when Rev. E. C. Shobe, of Robersonville, received the chairmanship of the group. Miss Mary W. Taylor was selected superintendent of the department.



Nathan H. Yelton, Mitchell County young man, who will have charge of administering the State's new \$5,000,000-a-year social security program, which goes into effect next month.

Foil Attempted Jail Break Here Monday

Rudolph Marshburn, Earl Parker, and Steve Cromwell, three young white men, attempted to break out of the Martin County jail yesterday morning, but their plans miscarried and they are still safe behind the bars.

The three men sawed a couple of bars in two, and apparently had planned to waylay Jailer Roy Peel when he entered the cell block to feed the prisoners. It was reported that Marshburn had the blades under the soles of his shoes, that he cut the leather and removed them for use on the iron bars. No attempt was made to saw out of the second row of bars, the prisoners apparently planning to complete their escape by attacking the jailer and using the keys.

Marshburn has broken out of several jails in the past few years, it is understood, and was brought here from Pitt County for safekeeping. He is said to be originally from California and faces a charge of burglary in Pitt County.

Parker, who is awaiting trial for the theft of Dr. J. S. Rhodes' car, is understood to have broken out of solitary confinement in the State Prison some time ago.

Steve Cromwell, charged in Gates County with first degree burglary, was brought here for safekeeping.

Local Faculty Is Nearly Complete

The election of the local school faculty for the coming term was announced virtually completed this morning following a long meeting of the district committee here yesterday. Acceptance is awaited in two cases, Principal D. N. Hix stating that the complete teaching staff would be announced within the next few days.

Miss Mildred Talley, teacher in the Aulander schools for the past two terms, was elected to teach the sixth grade, and Miss Rebecca Harrison, local girl who is graduating a Women's College of the University of North Carolina, Greensboro, will teach the first grade. Mr. Ferguson, graduate of Western Carolina Teachers' College, has been employed to head the newly established commercial department in the school.

Most of the old teachers are planning to return. E. J. Hayes, principal of the local colored schools, was re-elected to another term at the meeting yesterday.