

## Martins Now Game And Half From Top In League Standings

### McCay Features Win Over Kinston Sunday With Two Home Runs

Week-end maneuvers completed in the Coastal Plain Baseball League left the Martins near the top in loop play and trailing Goldsboro by 1 1-2 games. Williamston turned back Greenville over in the Pitt Capital last Friday afternoon, 7 to 5. The game scheduled here with Kinston was rained out along with all the other contests in the circuit. Sunday, the Martins invaded the nest of the Eagles and won a 6-2 contest. While the Martins were cleaning up over the week-end, Goldsboro and Ayden duplicated one of those Tarboro-Williamston curfew-law stunts and the game was forfeited to Ayden. Williamston is expected to press its claim for the Tarboro game on the basis of the Ayden-Goldsboro decision. The setting for the two games are identical, it is understood.

Heavy stickwork by the Martins featured the contest over in Greenville last Friday. The Martins touched the offerings of Williams and Elton for 12 safeties, one a homer by Stevens in the seventh with no one on base. Stanley, Stevens, Deim and McCay got two each and all the others one apiece. Jefferson started on the mound for the Martins, but was relieved by Biggie in the third after 5 men had drawn passes and 4 hits were recorded. In the relief role, Biggie allowed only 4 hits and struck out 3 in the 6 1-3 innings he worked. In the fourth, Lakatos singled, Sharkey singled, Earp singled, Villepique doubled and Stanley doubled to score 4 of Williamston's 7 runs.

The Sunday game over in Kinston was one of those thrillers with McCay furnishing most of the thrills. Up to the fifth, the Eagles were leading, 1-0. McCay homered in that frame to tie the score, but the Eagles came right back with one in their half to untie it again. In the eighth, with the score 2-1 against the Martins, Villepique and Stanley were safe on errors and Stevens walked to fill the bases; Deim then came through with a single to score two, and McCay hit his second homer of the day, scoring Stevens and Deim ahead of him and ending the scoring at 6-2. McCay also had a single to go with his two circuit clouts to annex hitting honors. Deim got a pair of hits. Schulte homered for Kinston in the first inning, but Wade, pitching an excellent brand of ball, tightened up and allowed but 6 hits the remainder of the route.

## Former Local Pastor Dies in Rocky Mount

Rev. Rufus Bradley, pastor of the Williamston Methodist church nearly a quarter of a century ago, died in a Rocky Mount hospital last Friday following an operation. The minister, 67 years old, was taken ill in Lexington two weeks ago. Funeral services were conducted at Littleton last Saturday, and interment followed in the cemetery there.

Mr. Bradley was born near Wilson July 6, 1879, and was the son of the late Junius and Molly Bradley. He had been a member of the Methodist Conference for 42 years after graduation from Trinity College in 1894. He had served as pastor of a large number of churches and for 16 years had been statistical secretary of the North Carolina Methodist Conference.

## Team Recruits Appear In Game at Elizabeth City

Stroud Fields, awaiting the lifting of a suspension, and Quinzen Townsend, outfield recruit sent here by the St. Louis Browns, but not yet in the Martins line-up, went over to aid Elizabeth City in a game last Sunday afternoon. Fields, the heavy-set pitcher from Arkansas, fanned 14 and allowed only 4 hits, but lost the tilt 4-2. He also got 2 hits out of 3 trips. Townsend is said to have missed a chance in the field and two men scored in the ninth, giving the opponents a 4-2 victory.

## Kiwanians and Lions To Mix In Softball Here Wednesday

Soft ball will come into play here Wednesday afternoon at 5 o'clock, when the Kiwanis Club and Lions Club mix bats, gloves, bumps and bruises at the local ball park. The committees for the two clubs making arrangements for the game are expecting a big crowd. The general admission is 10 and 15 cents, with no extra charge for the grandstand. The winner will receive 60 per cent of the gate receipts and the losers will get

40 per cent. Each club will use the money to buy glasses for children who are not financially able to purchase them. The line-up could not be gotten, but Dr. Mercer will play first base for the Kiwanis Club and Fred Darden will hold down the same position for the Lions. The game will begin promptly at 5 o'clock and will last about one hour. The casualty list will be published Friday.

## REFUSES PAY

The rate of pay allowed listers for listing property for taxation in the county this year has been described as unfair to some, according to reports coming from unofficial sources. It was heard on the streets here today that one list-taker had refused to accept payment offered him on the grounds that the pay schedule was out of balance. The name of the list-taker was not divulged.

## Two Painfully Hurt When Autos Collide

Mr. and Mrs. Earl Tetterton were painfully cut and bruised about their faces and heads early last evening when their car was in a head-on collision with another on the Washington Road, near here. They were given first aid treatment in the office of Dr. J. H. Saunders and are getting along very well today, it was learned. J. D. Hazelwood, of Weldon, a passenger in the other car, was bruised but not badly hurt. Willie Green Carroll, also of Weldon, driver of the second car, was slightly cut on one arm and a leg.

Hazelwood and Carroll were driving toward Washington and started to pass the car of Quinzen Townsend, a prospective fielder on the Williamston baseball team. The car, a Pontiac owned by Hazelwood, struck the rear fender of the Townsend car, and continued into collision with the approaching Tetterton car, considerable damage resulting to both machines.

Hazelwood said he was asleep in the back seat of his car, that he was thrown into the front when the cars crashed.

Carroll ran from the scene of the accident, caught a ride to Williamston and started walking the railroad toward Everetts. Officer Allsbrooks arrested him between the underpass on West Main Street and the fair grounds. He was jailed along with Hazelwood.

## All Hope Abandoned for Recovery of S. C. Peel

All hope for the recovery of S. Collin Peel has been abandoned, according to information received from his bedside in a Washington hospital at noon today. Death was expected almost momentarily at that time, it was learned. Mr. Peel was taken ill eleven weeks ago tomorrow, his condition remaining critical during most all that time.

## New Town Defeats Old Rivals 12 To 2 Yesterday

After taking one game from their opponents, Williamston's Old Town Baseball team was whipped back into the losing column yesterday when the New Town nine scored a 12 to 2 victory on the high school diamond. It was the seventh victory for the New Town lads.

## Dozen People Jailed In County Over Week-end

Following a period of little activity in crime circles a week ago, local and county officers reported a busy time this past week-end. More than a dozen people were jailed and several others were arrested but gained their freedom under bond.

## Cites Provisions and Rules of Child Labor Laws in This State

Miss Mary Taylor, county welfare officer, has received detailed instructions regarding the new child labor law, and all those interested may receive full information from her office. Following are some of the requirements relative to the employment of girls and boys who come under the provisions of the act:

1. All minors under 18 employed in any gainful occupation, except agricultural and domestic work must have an employment certificate.
2. Minors 16 and 17 years of age are allowed to work 9 hours per day, 6 days per week, but not for more than 48 hours per week. The hours of work must be between 6 a. m. and 12 p. m. for boys and between 6 a. m. and 7 p. m. for girls.
3. Minors, both boys and girls, under 16 years of age, are not allowed to work in any manufacturing or mechanical job.
4. Minors both boys and girls under 16 years of age (14 and 15 years) are allowed to work in non-manufacturing jobs during summer vacation and during hours when school is not in session. During summer vacation they may work 8 hours per day, six days per week, but not more than 40 hours per week and the work must be between 7 a. m. and 6 p. m. When work is to be outside school hours the combined hours of work and the hours of school must not exceed 8 hours in any one day.
5. No boy under 14 is allowed to engage in any kind of gainful occupation, except boys 12 and 13 may engage in the delivery of newspapers and magazines but work must not exceed 10 hours in any one week.
6. No girl under 14 is allowed to engage in any gainful occupation.
7. The provisions of the new child labor law do not authorize exceptions to be made allowing longer hours of work for boys who are sole support of self or mother. Under no circumstances will boys under 16 be allowed to work longer than eight hours per day, nor boys between 16 and 18 longer than nine hours per day.

## Jail Two for Attack On Husband-Father

Mrs. Jesse Ben Roberson, 55, and her 10-year-old son, George B. Roberson, were jailed here late last night for an alleged attack on the husband-father at their home in Robersonville. Further action in the case is awaiting the outcome of Mr. Roberson's condition, it was learned at noon today.

Few details were released this morning by officers making the arrest in connection with the alleged attack, which was described as one of the most brutal in the county's crime annals. Using a cart round or spoke, Mrs. Roberson and her son are said to have nearly clubbed the man to death, reports stating that his condition this morning was critical. Information received here was that the son called his father from the house, explaining that some one wanted to see him in the yard. He answered the call and the alleged attack followed.

## Colored Man Jailed For Attacking 6-Year-Old Girl

Joe Ellis Boston, 29-year-old colored man, was placed in the county jail Sunday for an alleged attack the night before on a 6-year-old colored girl in the lower part of Jamesville Township. The attack was described as one of the most brutal reported in this county in years.

## A. J. Summerlin Dies Suddenly at Home Here Last Saturday

### Funeral Services Held In Local Baptist Church Sunday Afternoon

Andrew Jackson Summerlin, 52 years old, died suddenly at his home on North Haughton Street here last Saturday as he sat around the dining table with members of his family for the evening meal. Stricken by apoplexy, Mr. Summerlin died almost instantly and without saying a word after the attack. He lifted his hand to his head and was dead.

Completing his work for the week as chief mechanic for the Williamston Supply Company, Mr. Summerlin went home that afternoon apparently in his usual health. He had just completed his plans for a strict observance of the Sabbath next day, having distributed his earnings for the week with his family after setting aside one-tenth for the church.

His passing, it was said, was as he had wished it. He had said that when his time came to go, he would like for it to be at the close of a week's work well done, and that the last rites would be held in the church on the Sabbath. Rev. James H. Smith, Baptist minister and pastor of Mr. Summerlin, conducted the funeral services Sunday afternoon in the church at 4 o'clock. Dr. J. L. Peacock, Baptist minister and special friend of Mr. Summerlin, assisted in the services, which were largely attended. Interment was in the family plot in the local cemetery.

Mr. Summerlin was born in Edgecombe County, May 5, 1885, the son of the late Thomas and Sallie Summerlin. He spent his early life in Tarboro, moving here following his marriage to Miss Ophelia Hoard. During the past years or more he was numbered as one of the most faithful members of the Baptist church here, walking humbly in the sight of the Almighty and cherishing the respect and friendship of his fellowman. He lived an unpretentious life and was recognized as an able mechanic and hard worker. He was a deacon in the local church, and a Lord's Day seldom passed but that he was found in attendance upon the religious services and handling his duties.

Besides his wife, he leaves one daughter, Mrs. Sherman Wright, of Tarboro; and two sons, Claiborn and Freddie Summerlin, both of Williamston. He is also survived by one brother, N. O. Summerlin, of Johnstown, Pa., and two sisters, Mrs. J. F. Warren and Mrs. H. W. Knox, both of Tarboro.

## No Kicks On Values Personal Property

Valuations placed on personal property in Martin County by the 1937 list-takers attracted few complainants to the county courthouse Monday. Only two or three complaints were directed against values placed on personal property, it was pointed out. No one even suggested that money in the bank had been over-listed, and since the values placed on all household and kitchen furniture would hardly support as added collateral a mortgage on a second-hand automobile, there were no owners there to enter objections to listings on such holdings.

## Rev. J. M. Perry Preaching In Oak City This Week

Rev. J. M. Perry, of Robersonville, began a revival at the Christian church in Oak City Monday night at 8 o'clock. Mr. Russell Owings, of Laurens, S. C., is leading the music. The meeting began with a large audience and unusual interest. The meeting will run through the week.

## RECORD FINE

An all-time record was established in the county court here yesterday when Judge Peel imposed a \$566 fine upon Ed Burnett, colored man, who pleaded guilty of possessing illegal liquor and attacking an officer. The judgment was considered fair by officers, it was said.

## Wide Variation in Valuation of Property Protested at Meeting Of Commissioners Held Monday

### Simon E. Roberson Dies After Lengthy Illness Early Today

### Funeral Services at Cross Roads Church Tuesday Afternoon at 3:30

Simon E. Roberson, well-known farmer and highly respected citizen of Cross Roads Township, this county, died Tuesday morning at 2 o'clock following a long period of declining health. He had been confined to his bed for several weeks. Pneumonia, developing only last Saturday, was given as the immediate cause of his death.

The son of the late Amos and Harriett James Roberson, he was born in Cross Roads Township 66 years ago. He lived there all his life, enjoying a large friendship among his fellowman. He was a good neighbor and found happiness in the simple way of living. Mr. Roberson, a hard worker, had farmed all his life and met with success. He was a member of the Christian Chapel church for a long number of years, serving for some time as one of its deacons.

In early manhood he married Miss Alice Wynne. Following her death about two years ago, Mr. Roberson explained to his friends that he had little to live for and that the end would be welcomed. He was a great friend of the late Sheriff A. L. Roebuck of this county.

Mr. Roberson was the last member of an old family in this county. He leaves seven children, Jimmie Roberson, of Washington; Alma Roberson, of Florida; Julius Roberson, of Cross Roads; Mrs. Herman Williams, of Everetts; Mrs. David Keel, of Williamston; Mrs. Lester Taylor, of Rocky Mount, and Irving Roberson, of Greenville.

## County Native Dies in Raleigh

Mrs. Louendia Price Hardison, native of this county, died in a Raleigh hospital last Friday afternoon at 5 o'clock following a long period of declining health. She had been in the hospital there for about four months.

Mrs. Hardison was the widow of L. Phelps Hardison, who was fatally hurt in an accident several years ago. She is survived by two daughters, Mrs. Howard Hopkins, of near Williamston, and Mrs. Alton Stalls, of Everetts, and one son, Roland Hardison, of near Williamston. She was a member of the Macedonia Christian church for a number of years, and had many friends in her home community.

Funeral services were conducted from the home of her daughter, Mrs. Hopkins, Sunday afternoon at 2:30 o'clock. Rev. John L. Goff, pastor of the Williamston Christian church, conducted the last rites. Interment was in the Bowen cemetery in Bear Grass Township.

## Hail and Winds Damage Crops In Bear Grass Area

Scattered showers falling over the week-end ended a long dry season for some communities in this county, but the rainfall has not reached an inch so far this month in other areas. Last Saturday, the weather station on Roanoke River here recorded .16 of an inch fall and .92 last night, the total precipitation so far this month being less than four-fifths of an inch at this point.

Heavy rains were reported in several sections of the county last Saturday. Considerable damage was done to crop by hail and strong winds in the Macedonia section of Bear Grass Township that afternoon. Some tobacco crops were damaged as much as 50 percent there, it was stated.

## Johnston County Ramblers At Bear Grass Thursday

The Johnston County Ramblers will give a concert in the Bear Grass school auditorium Thursday night, June 24.

## SUMMER TIME

The hot weather prevailing these past few days finally gained official recognition Monday afternoon at 3:12 o'clock, when the calendar makers announced the arrival of summer. Monday was numbered among the longest days of the year. Summer - time temperatures have been experienced here for some few days, but ordinarily it is not until July or early August that the maximum mercury readings are recorded. Summer is slated, by the calendar, to last until September 23.

## Rules for Requiring Examination of All Servants Explained

County health officers in North Carolina have recently received information from Dr. Carl V. Reynolds, State Health Officer, that the examination of domestic servants will not be done generally by local health officers.

Advice from the State health authority reads, as follows:

"At a recent meeting of the executive committee of the North Carolina State Board of Health, it was decided that the public health officer should examine, under an act passed by the last General Assembly, only such servants as are referred to the health department by private physicians, or certified to the health department by the welfare department, as indigent. All those cases who are able to pay private physicians for this service are to go to private physicians. However, the public health officer should cooperate with the private physician in follow-up work of contracts and in making Wasserman tests on all referred to them. This was the recommendation of your State Board of Health.

"We realize that the examination of all domestic servants, if done by the health department, would be a rather large order for any health department, and all those patients who can afford to pay a private physician should go to his or her physician."

## Presbyterian News Items for Week

The Poplar Point Bible School of the Presbyterian church got underway yesterday morning in the mission there. About 50 children of the community are attending this school which will run for two weeks. Mrs. Sherrill Gurganus, Miss Ezerle Griffin, and Miss Wilda Jenkins are assisting Miss Louise Pascal and the Revs. Whitley and Piephoff in this school.

Robersons Chapel men of the church will meet Tuesday night at 8:15 p. m. The subject under discussion will be "Teaching the Bible in the Public Schools."

On Thursday afternoon at 1 p. m. the men of the church at Bear Grass will meet at the church to work on the tennis court. A number of loads of dirt and gravel have already been hauled in and this will be spread and smoothed over. A volley ball court is also planned.

The Bear Grass Sunday school will go on a picnic to Riverside next Friday afternoon at 2 p. m. Everyone will meet at the church, and a way will be provided for all those who do not have a way of their own.

The Poplar Point Young People will meet Wednesday night at 8:15 p. m.

## Instruct Supervisors For Farm Compliance Work

A special representative of the State Extension Division was here today giving supervisors instructions for handling compliance work under the 1937 soil conservation program. Nearly 50 supervisors are attending the one-day school in the agricultural building.

Compliance work will be started in this county just as soon as proper forms are received. The forms were due here a week ago, and it could not be learned today when they would be ready for distribution. It is believed, however, that the supervisors will start checking compliance within the next few days.

## 23 Complaints Heard By Body; All Claims Allege Inequalities

### Board of Equalization and Review In Continued Session Tuesday

Meeting as a board of equalization and review, the Martin County commissioners, after hearing complaints from property owners in an all-day session yesterday, went into a huddle this morning to take action in each of the cases appealed and possibly boost some of the listings that are absurdly low.

During the Monday session, the commissioners gained a definite idea of the huge task that follows the re-valuation of property, and when renewing their work on that task this morning at 9:30 o'clock they hardly knew which way to turn in solving the perplexing problems before them. It is understood that no marked reductions in the evaluations for 1937 are being considered. Certainly, they were expected to make a few, but the apparent solution will be found, it is believed by some of the authorities, in boosting values of various properties that are admittedly listed too low.

About two dozen complaints were directed to the board Monday, and most of the complaints explained that they did not believe their properties were listed at any outrageous figures, but that other listings were decidedly lower in proportion. Only a few comparisons were cited, but the general impression gained from the complainants was that the board should reduce certain values or bring others in line.

At the Monday meeting, it was pointed out, with few exceptions, that all properties in the county are listed too low; that some are listed lower than others. Under these conditions, it appears that about the only way to handle the appeals is to increase values in those cases where the listings are known to be out of line.

The 23 complainants appealing to the board yesterday had property valued at \$111,422 in 1936. The same properties were placed on the 1937 books at \$137,750, showing a gain of just about 20 per cent, as against a gain of about 10.5 per cent for the county as a whole.

Some unique complaints were heard the first day the commissioners sat as a board of equalization, or as a target for displeased property owners to shoot at. Suffice it to say right here, the commissioners listened attentively to every complaint, and all five of them are making every effort to do what is right and just, in so far as it is possible to do so.

Getting back to the complaints, one property owner pointed out that the valuation placed on his holdings was all right for the county to levy its rate on, but it was too high for the town to slap its rate on. Another complainant pointed out to the board that several buildings on his farm burned down several years ago, that no reduction in valuation had been granted. The commissioners, off the record, figured the values anew and learned that the value placed on the property was too high even after a reduction was allowed for the burned buildings. This complaint plainly showed that the 1937 lists are not without errors, and while many inequalities were corrected, there are many more left on the books to shift the burden of taxation from the shoulders of one neighbor to the shoulders of another.

"The tax-dodging investigation by the Federal government would be made to look small besides a public investigation of some of the property listings on the tax books of Martin County," a man about the county humorously "allowed" in commenting on the taxing situation in general.

## Boy With Back Broken In Train-Truck Wreck Better

Nathaniel Coltrain, young white man of Williams Township, who suffered a broken back in a truck-train accident the fourth of last March, continues to improve. He was carried to a Washington hospital in a Biggs ambulance yesterday, and the cast was taken from his body. He is now wearing a brace and will have to continue in bed for another month.