

Martins Lose Only Contest Played; Also Drop One by Forfeit

Team Now Two Games Out Of First Place In Coastal Plain League Race

The Martins experienced much ill luck these past three days, when they played one game and lost two, the weather man delaying the third contest. A tire blow-out on the worn-out bus delayed the Martins last Tuesday, and the game was forfeited to Snow Hill, 9-0. Wednesday afternoon, the first game scheduled on the home grounds on the weekly half holiday was rained out with Snow Hill, and yesterday the Martins lost a 4-3 contest with Green Hill over in the Pitt capital.

There is a possibility that Snow Hill may surrender the forfeit and play the game scheduled last Tuesday, but no official action has been taken to effect such an agreement. In addition to losing the game, the Martins are subject to a \$50 fine for failing to report in Snow Hill for the game. League President Eure is gathering facts in the case, and a ruling on the fine is expected at the next meeting of the league directors. Manager Walker and Club President Exum stated they were willing to waive the forfeit and play the game some time this month, but that the club directors would have to be consulted first. Present indications are that the game will not be played, and that Williamston will be fortunate to escape a \$50 fine. The team was delayed an hour by a tire blow-out, Snow Hill authorities claiming that they lost a \$100 gate.

The weather man took the Wednesday game without argument, and Greenville staged eighth and ninth inning rallies to turn the Martins back 4-3 yesterday, the activities of the three days leaving Williamston two games out of first place and Snow Hill and Goldsboro tied for the top position.

At the end of the fourth inning yesterday, the Martins had the game won, but the three-run lead was sidetracked by errors and a ninth inning outburst by the Greensies provide the run needed to win the contest. Fields started the game on the mound for the Martins; and Rollins finished it, the two allowing but 7 hits. Caliguri held the Martins to 5 hits, two by Stevens.

The league reaches the half-way mark in the season with today's games, and has a heavy schedule for the week-end, with games here Sunday afternoon and Monday morning and in Tarboro Monday afternoon.

County Farmers To Be Reorganized at Meeting Here Today

To Name Supervisors For Handling Compliance Work in County

The reorganization of the Martin County Agricultural Conservation Association will be perfected here this afternoon, when the several directors meet and name a committee for the county unit. At the present time, Mr. H. S. Everett, of Robersonville, is chairman; and Messrs. J. F. Crisp, of Oak City, and F. C. Stallings, of Jamesville, members, and Mr. A. L. Clark, of Everetts, alternate.

Members have been named for the various community committees, and the election this afternoon of a committee for the county, as a whole, will complete the reorganization plans. Mr. T. B. Slade pointed out. Little business is scheduled for consideration for the new committee at this time. The appointment of 20 or 25 supervisors to handle the compliance work under the soil conservation program will be handled by the county committee at once, preparatory to starting compliance surveys just as soon as proper forms are received.

Highway Official Runs Into Bridge

C. Duxton Taylor, superintendent of bridges for the North Carolina Highway and Public Works Department, escaped injury when his car, a Chevrollet coupe, crashed into the guard railing on the Conine Creek bridge Wednesday morning. Considerable damage was done to the car, it was said.

The man who looks after the bridges and who has had quite a job keeping the two bridges on the river causeway repaired, is said to have crashed in to the bridge when he looked to the side.

First Summer Union Vesper Service To Be Held Monday

Union vesper services will feature the religious program here each Sunday afternoon during July and August, it was announced this week by a representative of the Williamston Ministerial Association, the organization sponsoring the joint services.

The first of the services will be held on the Methodist church lawn at 5 p. m., this Sunday, with Rev. John L. Goff, pastor of the Christian church, in charge. Should there be unfavorable weather at that time, the service will be held in the church.

Many Aged Making Application for Aid

FIRST CURING

Tobacco curing in this county got underway last Tuesday, when Farmer Henry Johnson harvested the primings on several acres and placed his barns in operation near Hamilton. As far as it could be learned here today, Mr. Johnson is the first Martin farmer to start curing activities this season. A number of farmers in other counties started the work week before last.

Tobacco curing on a large scale will hardly get underway in this county within 10 days or two weeks.

Supervisor Foresees Successful Season on Local Tobacco Mart

Tobacco Board of Trade Is Planning Campaign For Local Market

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The success of all great industries is dependent upon the efficiency and effectiveness of the process of the marketing of their products. Tobacco farming is one of the greatest industries of the world, and as such presents a world marketing problem.

It has been the opportunity of the writer, within the last few weeks, to come in contact with innumerable tobacco farmers. They enthusiastically discuss growing, harvesting and curing conditions, but finally, and invariably, they discuss most of all the possible cash rewards that they will receive when they carry their tobacco down the "last mile."

Their intrinsic interest, therefore, is concerning marketing. And, as supervisor of the Williamston Tobacco Market, I welcome this interest—this interest which is shared equally and alike by growers, businessmen and warehousemen. This interest is the mudslip upon which a good tobacco market is built. This is the interest which permeates and spirals the town of Williamston, its friendly community and hospitable neighbors in the adjoining counties. This interest is the barometer which forecasts for Williamston and its various warehouses a most successful year in 1937.

A hasty survey of the Bright Tobacco Belt indicates that eastern Carolina tobacco is above the average for the belt. This condition makes for better prices on markets on this side the "border." For this reason, it is warehousemen's belief that farmers should give special care to the curing and housing of their bright tobacco.

The citizens of Williamston and the Williamston Tobacco Board of Trade are at the present completing details for the 1937 campaign for a better tobacco market. Those in charge of this campaign hope that they will receive the same enthusiastic response that our patrons and friends have in the past so generously accorded us. We cordially solicit your good will and recommendations.

To Conduct Revival Next Week in Hamilton Church

A revival meeting will be held in the Methodist church at Hamilton, beginning Monday, July 5th, and will continue for a week or ten days. The pastor, Rev. R. N. Fitts, said the meeting would run for a period of 10 days, if sufficient interest was shown in the revival.

The Rev. Mr. Croson, of the Walden Methodist church, will conduct the meeting and will be assisted by the pastor, Mr. Fitts.

16 of 39 Applicants Rejected Yesterday By Welfare Officials

Pitiful Stories Told Welfare Workers as the Aged Enter Claims

The unfortunate aged citizens of this county turned out in numbers yesterday to file their applications for assistance under the social security act provisions. Many of them were crowded out after a long day spent waiting their turn before the welfare workers as they examined the applicants in the county welfare office in the courthouse. They were back today, however, and the work is being continued as rapidly as possible.

Thirty-nine applications were handled yesterday, the welfare authorities rejecting 16 of the applicants. Twenty-two of the 39 applicants will have their claims investigated, Miss Mary Taylor, head of the welfare department, stating that the amounts of the monthly allowances could not be determined until surveys are made in the homes by case workers. Only one application was received for assistance for dependent children. The old people, mostly colored, had their day yesterday and more applications from needy children are expected in the future. Only one person asked aid under the provisions made for the relief of the blind.

Some pitiful stories were heard by the welfare group yesterday and the tales of woe are being continued today. Several weeks will be spent hearing the pleas of the aged, the dependent children, and the blind. Probably the most disappointing part about the program comes when many of the applicants learn that the age of 65 or over is not the only requirement for one to qualify for relief. The fact that nearly 50 per cent of the applicants are being rejected does not disturb those waiting their turn to present their claims. They await their turns in crowded halls, some resting on cement floors. But they seem to enjoy their wait, and every face in the waiting line expresses a great hope.

More than a hundred old people were on hand to file their applications yesterday, and the ranks are holding up well today after 39 applications were handled the first day. Applications will be received from day to day until every claim is received.

Abner Bennett, the old colored man who proves to be the major problem in the entire relief program, was refused an allowance yesterday, the authorities directing him to return to the county home. The old man was back in the waiting line this morning. Bennett left the county home several weeks ago in order that he might qualify for a monthly allowance under the new program. The authorities pointed out that an allowance would not solve Bennett's problem, that he would continue to beg on Williamston Streets, and that the county home was the only place for him.

Reuben Bland, the father of 34 children, was greatly disappointed when he was refused aid yesterday. However, he took the rejection good naturedly, and told the welfare group that he probably would settle down, marry again and raise another family.

The county welfare board will probably meet shortly to consider the applications, but no date has been determined so far.

Commission Allots 190 Teachers To Schools

The Martin County schools will have the same number of teachers this coming term as they had last, according to information from the State School Commission this week. Thirty-four teachers have been allotted the high schools and 156 for the elementary departments.

Ten Cases Disposed Of by Judge Peel In Recorder's Court

Next Monday To Be Holiday and No Session Will Be Held

Handling ten cases Monday, the county recorder's court cleared its calendar and adjourned until Monday week. Judge H. O. Peel announcing that no session would be held next Monday, as the day would be generally observed as a holiday. The session this week attracted a fair-sized crowd, but the proceedings were not of any great importance.

Charged with larceny and receiving, Sam Harrison was sentenced to the roads for 60 days, the sentence to begin at the direction of the court.

J. C. H. Johnson, charged with drunken driving, was found not guilty.

Charged with violating the liquor laws, John Teel was sentenced to the roads for 90 days, the sentence to begin at the direction of the court and suspended upon payment of the cost.

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

The case charging Edgar Edmondson with drunken driving was not pressed.

Willie Faulk Peterson, charged with violating the liquor laws, was found not guilty.

Lester Williams, commonly known as "Barrel of Trouble," was sentenced to the roads for one year for an alleged assault and violating the liquor laws. He appealed, and bond was required in the sum of \$200. A victim of tuberculosis, Williams was ordered released from jail, the authorities directing him to reappear for trial in the superior court next September.

Judgment was suspended upon payment of the cost in the case charging J. D. Hazelwood with being drunk on a public highway.

Walter Freeman, charged with larceny and receiving, was sentenced to the roads for two years. He appealed and bond was required in the sum of \$200.

Charged with an assault with a deadly weapon and with interfering with an officer, Joe Gainer pleaded guilty, the court continuing the case under prayer for judgment until July 12.

Infantile Paralysis Case at Gold Point First This Season

Two-Year-Old Colored Boy Stricken Last Week; In Critical Condition

Robersonville, June 30th.—Infantile paralysis was reported in this county for the first time this season last week when a 2-year-old colored child was stricken at the home of his parents in Gold Point with the dread disease. Dr. R. J. Nelson, the attending physician, described the child's condition as being critical, that unless there was marked improvement in his condition immediately the little fellow could hardly live.

The child, Augustus Black, son of Tom Black, colored farmer of Gold Point, near Robersonville, was taken ill last Friday night. The following day he ran a very high fever, complained about soreness in his limbs and objected to being touched or moved. When Dr. Nelson was called Monday and made an examination, he found the child had little use of any part of its body and that its condition was critical.

The presence of the disease is not alarming, authorities pointing out that it was present in the county last year and only three children fell victims. Few cases have been reported in the state this season so far. Effective control serums for the disease have been discovered, it is understood.

Young Negro Accidentally Killed at Jamesville Today

S. L. Johnson, young Plymouth negro, was accidentally killed while working on a log barge in Roanoke River about two miles from Jamesville this morning. Reports state that the man was mashed to death when the log cargo shifted and trapped him.

The man's death was described as accidental, and no investigation was made by officers.

John W. Hines Dies Tuesday Afternoon At Home in Oak City

Was Prominent in Affairs Of County for Long Number of Years

Funeral services for John W. Hines, prominent Martin County citizen, were conducted at the late home in Oak City Wednesday afternoon at 4:15 o'clock by Rev. J. V. Perry, Robersonville minister. The rites at the grave were conducted by members of Skewarkee and Concho Masonic lodges, with Past Master Norman K. Harrison in charge.

Mr. Hines died at his home Tuesday afternoon at 3 o'clock following a long period of declining health. He had been confined to his bed most of the time during the past several months, but maintained a keen interest until just before his death in the daily happenings of his community, county and State. Interment was in the Oak City cemetery.

Mr. Hines, 51 years old, was a native of the Oak City community and spent his entire life there, showing always a keen interest in the welfare and advancement of its people. Mr. Hines will be missed, for he was a man who loved his home and community, sharing alike the joys and sorrows of his fellowman. He was a thoughtful father and husband, and valued the friendship of everyone. He was a man of strong determination, a personal trait manifestly apparent in the fight he made to live and in his work of directing his farming interests and in serving as justice of the peace to the time of his death.

For more than a quarter of a century Mr. Hines was active in local and state political affairs, and was recognized as a community leader. He was a member of the Junior Order and the Masonic Order. The large floral offering and the vast audience assembled to pay a last tribute to his memory gave evidence of the esteem in which he was held.

He is survived by Mrs. Hines, who was Miss Rosa Bell Stator before her marriage, and five children: Mrs. Woolard Daniels, of Rocky Mount; Mrs. Wilbur Barrett, of Oak City; and Misses Velma, Dorothy and Hazel Hines, and John W. Hines, Jr., all of Oak City. He also leaves three brothers, N. C. Hines, of Washington City; Spencer E. Hines, of Raleigh; and Bernard L. Hines, of Norfolk; and two sisters, Mrs. Morris Early and Mrs. Emily Cartwright, both of Norfolk.

Woman Is Arrested Here for Skipping Virginia Hotel Bill

Dorothy O'Neil Carried To Richmond To Face Larceny Charge

Wanted for grand larceny in Virginia, Dorothy O'Neil, middle-aged white woman, was arrested here this week and turned over to Richmond police Wednesday afternoon. In the custody of Sergeant W. J. Anthony, the woman, with a 9-year-old girl said to be her own, waived extradition rights and returned to Richmond to face trial in probably more than one case.

Coming here nearly three weeks ago, the woman and the child stopped at a local hotel. She explained that her husband was working with a moving picture company and that he would join her here within a short time. A bulletin of the hotel association was reviewed by the local hotel operators this week, and they learned that a woman, answering to the description of Mrs. O'Neil, had left a Richmond hotel without paying a sizeable bill. Richmond police ordered her arrest as soon as they were notified she was here. Local officers searched her room in the hotel here and found keys belonging to several other hotels in Baltimore and Richmond, and reports indicate that the woman made a practice of "beating" board and lodging bills over the country.

The rites of baptism were administered to the child in a local church during their short stay here, and the woman was working hard to establish a residence here for the summer free of all cost. She was penniless, and had miscellaneous items charged to her hotel account which approximated \$60 and which remained unpaid as she departed late Wednesday afternoon for Richmond in the custody of officers.

"She certainly made a practice of stopping at the best places," the proprietor of the local hotel said after keys of the Lord Baltimore Hotel in Baltimore and the William Byrd Hotel in Richmond were found in her possession here.

Next Monday To Be Observed as Holiday

MARKET PLANS

Preliminary plans for advertising the Williamston Tobacco Market and its business houses were advanced at a meeting of the local tobacco board of trade this week, Henry S. Johnson, sales supervisor said today. "We have established a \$2,000 advertising fund goal, and we are making every effort to put Williamston to the front as a marketing and shopping center," Mr. Johnson continued.

Details of the proposed program will be made public shortly, Mr. Johnson, in the meantime, appealing to the citizens here for loyal support.

24 Licenses to Marry Issued by Register Of Deeds Last Month

Same Number of Licenses Issued To White and Colored Couples

Twenty-four marriage licenses were issued in this county last month by Register of Deeds J. Sam Getsinger, the issuance being the largest for the particular month in a number of years. A twenty-fifth license was issued, but something went wrong with the proposed match, and the papers were returned unused. Twelve of the licenses were issued to white and 12 to colored couples.

Licenses were issued to the following:

- White**
- George Addington Stewart and Anne Goodloe Jones, both of Williamston.
- John Lawton House and Elsie Mae Whitley, both of Hassell.
- John Connors, of Washington, D. C., and Elsie Fractus Calvert, of Portsmouth, Va.
- William H. Harrison, of Williamston, and Margaret Moore Everett, of Robersonville.
- Oliver Whaley and Verna Gertrude Taylor, both of Martin County.
- Stephen Stevenson and Florence Whaley, both of Martin County.
- E. J. Rawls and Pattie Cowan, both of Robersonville.
- Neill P. McDuffie, of Jackson Springs, and Thelma Cooper, of Columbia.

- Colored**
- Charles Willard Price and Marie Davis, both of Elizabeth City.
- C. C. Whitehurst and Miza Taylor, both of Martin County.
- French G. Scott and Rachel Clare Holland, both of Hobgood.
- Carl Johnson, of Cumberland County, and Josephine Wildman, of Parmele.

- Colored**
- Lonnie Wilder, of Portsmouth, Va., and Julia Sanderlin, of Bertie County.

- George Hyman, Jr., and Nora Andrews, both of Robersonville.
- Frank Williams and Rachel Wilson, both of Pitt County.
- Richard Thompson and Martha Jones, both of Williamston.
- Brad T. Bagley and Lucy May Brown, both of Williamston.
- William Daniel, of Hassell, and Sarah Stator, of Martin County.
- Billie Wilson and Margaret Spruill, both of Martin County.
- William Chance and Beatrice Duggins, both of Martin County.
- Johnnie Spruill and Katherine Bryant, both of Oak City.
- Jesse Roberson and Louvenia Evertt, both of Bethel.
- Sherman Lee and Louise Keel, both of Martin County.
- Manuel Wilson and Ernestine Williams, both of Robersonville.

Kiwanians To Entertain Local Ball Club Tonight

The local Kiwanis Club will entertain members of the Williamston baseball team this afternoon at 7:00 at the Woman's Club hall. The meeting was originally scheduled for Wednesday, but was postponed on account of a prior engagement of the club rooms.

Williamston's Bob Everett Is Earliest with Blossoms

The report that cotton blossoms were found on Palmyra Bob Everett's farm on Tuesday of last week was in error. Mr. Palmyra Everett probably had cotton blossoms on his farm, but those delivered here last Saturday came from the farm of Mr. Williamston Bob Everett, it was later learned.

All Local Stores and Business Houses To Be Closed All Day

Large Crowd Expected For Baseball Game Here Monday at 10 A. M.

Next Monday will be observed as a general holiday by Williamston business firms, it was officially announced yesterday following a general agreement to suspend all activities that day. The regular Sunday schedule will be observed, it was announced. No mail deliveries will be made either in the rural sections or the town.

The Fourth falls on Sunday, but Monday will be observed as a holiday on a national scale.

No meetings of the county and town commissioners will be held. Judge H. O. Peel has announced that no session of the court will be held and no applications for old-age assistance will be received in this county that day.

Many local people are planning to spend the week-end at the beaches but the center of attraction will be the ball game here Sunday afternoon and another at 10 o'clock Monday morning. Large crowds are expected here, including numbers of farmers who are observing the independence birthday on a larger scale more and more each year.

Radio Station Here To Begin Operating About September 1

Installation of Transmitting Equipment Underway At Present Time

The North Carolina Highway Patrol's radio system will not be ready for operation until late summer or about September 1, according to unofficial information received here a few days ago. Obstacles unforeseen a few weeks ago have delayed plans for placing the five broadcasting units in operation, it was said. These obstacles have been overcome and arrangements for installing the transmitting equipment in the Williamston and Elizabethtown stations are going forward rapidly.

The houses and towers have been completed and the underground wire systems have been installed at each of the five stations, Asheville, Salisbury, Raleigh, Elizabethtown, and here. The transmitting equipment has been installed in three of the stations, it is understood, but no receiving equipment has been placed on the patrol cars or motorcycles.

Special Officer's Report for June

Continuing his work in the enforcement of the liquor laws in this county, Special Officer J. H. Roebuck wrecked eight illegal liquor plants and made three arrests during the month of June, his report to the county alcoholic beverages control board shows.

The officer and his assistants poured out 16 gallons of liquor and 1,650 gallons of beer. All three of the persons arrested were convicted in the court, the fines totaling \$700. One defendant, adjudged guilty of selling legal liquor, was sentenced to jail for 60 days, the court suspending sentence for two years.

Enforcement activities of the officer were interrupted by a one-week term of superior court, and when he spent several days bringing two defendants to the bar of justice.

Board of Education Calls For Bids on Two Projects

Meeting in a special session here yesterday afternoon, the Martin County Board of Education called for bids on the construction of a four-room frame school building at Gold Point and a three-room addition to the colored school at Parmele. No other business was handled by the board.

Bids will be canvassed at a special meeting of the board to be held here July 12, J. C. Manning, superintendent, said. Messrs. T. D. Woolard, Williamston, E. H. Ange and J. F. Martin, of Jamesville, J. W. Eubanks, Hassell, and George C. Griffin, of Griffin, were present for the meeting.