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Martins Win Three Of Last Five Games; Split With Tarboro

Locals Play Fast Brand of Ball To Feature Three Last Wins at Home

Winning three of the five games scheduled during the week-end, Art Hauger's Martins today are holding third place in the Coastal Plain League, trailing Goldsboro by one game and Snow Hill, the league leaders, by three contests. The Martins scored a thrilling 1-0 win behind the 3-hit pitching of Larry Wade over Greenville here last Friday afternoon and divided a four-game series with Tarboro on the following three days.

Holiday crowds featured the attendance upon the games here yesterday morning and in Tarboro in the afternoon, but they were not as large as expected. Approximately 800 attended the game here yesterday morning, Tarboro claiming 1,800 present for the contest there.

Wade's pitching clearly featured the 1-0 victory over Greenville here last Friday, when he turned the visitors back with three hits. McCay and Stanley led at bat for the locals, but Artie Deim batted in the lone run in the eighth inning. Ace Villepique and McCay featured afield when they executed perfect throws to trap men at third and at home. The Friday contest was just a plumb good exhibition of baseball.

Mooney took charge of the game Saturday at Tarboro and turned the Martins back with 5 hits to feature the 4-1 contest. Rollins pitched for Williamston and allowed 9 hits.

The approximately 1,000 fans saw a good game here Sunday afternoon, when the Martins evened the count by a 6-4 win. Strunk held the visitors to 8 hits in 8 1-3 innings, one being for the circuit with two on in the eighth. Rollins finished the game. Stevens, with 3 for 4, and Deim, with 2 for 3, featured the batting attack for the locals.

Jefferson took charge of the situation in the first holiday contest here yesterday morning, allowing Tarboro only 4 hits and winning by a 2-0 count. He batted in the winning run, but McCay shared the stickwork honors with a home run in the seventh inning. Stanley led the hitting attack with two safeties. The Martins played a good game of ball afield, Lakatos taking the spotlight with a difficult chance successfully handled between first and second.

The Martins had an off-day yesterday afternoon and dropped the second contest of the series to Tarboro, 7 to 2. Biggie went the route for Williamston, but the Serpents had one of their batting sprees and touched him for 12 hits. Stanley, making them count for three bases each, added two hits to his list, and McCay added a couple, one for two bases that lacked only a foot of being a 380-yard homer, to his record. Villepique, Deim and Lakatos collected one each. Cassell, former member of the local club, fanned four and allowed 7 hits.

Government To Aid Peanut Growers In Time of Low Prices

New Plan Makes Available Advances When Market Price Is Low

Plans to spare peanut growers the necessity of "dumping" their crop at the beginning of the marketing season or when prices are off, were made at a meeting of the peanut committee of the American Farm Bureau Federation in Washington week before last. Edward O'Neal, president of the organization, was present, as was Dr. Myers, head of the Farm Credit Administration.

The plan outlined provides that the farm Credit Administration will advance to cooperatives money which may be loaned to farmer-members on peanuts to be stored in a period of low prices. The details of the program are to be worked out and announced later.

It was stated that it would be impossible for the government to deal with the individual farmer in this matter, but that the law makes it possible for the Farm Credit Administration to loan money to cooperatives which, with their local connections, will be able to determine conditions and needs in their market communities. This plan gives promise of protecting the growers from losses which many of them suffer every year because, being in need of money, they sell their peanuts regardless of the current prices and the prospects.

Welfare Board To Consider Applications Recently Made

Meeting in the county courthouse Thursday morning, the Martin County Board of Public Welfare will consider the first group of applications filed by the needy aged, dependent children and blind persons for assistance. Action by the board this week and at other meetings to follow shortly is expected to advance an idea, more or less definite, as to what the old-age assistance program is going to cost this county. While the recommendations of those in daily charge of the work will carry considerable weight, allowances

are to be determined by the board. Fields surveys are underway today in those homes where the self-claimed needy filed applications. Up to today, the county office had handled 75 applications, and a number of those were rejected on certain principles outlined in the law. It is quite apparent that most of those eligible for assistance under the program will come from the county's indigent list. However, many of those applying for aid have never received any direct aid from the county, and they have a right to present their claims.

OPENING DATES

Eastern North Carolina tobacco markets will open on Thursday, August 26, it was announced following a meeting of the Tobacco Association of the United States at Old Point Comfort, Va. last Friday. The opening is almost a week ahead of the opening date a year ago. First auction sales will be held in Georgia June 29, the buyers moving northward for the opening in South Carolina on August 10 and then here on August 26.

Senators Draft New Measure for Aiding 1937 Farm Program

Control Provisions Depend Upon Two-thirds Vote Of Producers

A measure, called a "thoroughly democratic" method of improving and stabilizing agriculture is being drafted in Congress by two senators this week.

Senator Pope, of Idaho, and McGill, of Kansas, said their legislation, which is a revision of the pending "agriculture adjustment act of 1937," will be introduced at once. They added they expected the administration to back it.

The pending AAA act of 1937 provides, among other things, for an "ever-normal granary" and crop control would be "democratized." A referendum of producers would be held before any control measures are undertaken.

The new measure also deletes a flexible tariff provision of the older measure—a provision to which Secretary Wallace and Hull objected.

The Pope-McGill legislation declares that one of its aims is to assure farmers a "parity" income—that is, an income which would have the same purchasing power attained in the pre-war years 1909 to 1914.

The measure also would establish an "ever-normal granary" by providing for storage of surpluses in years of heavy yields and for the marketing of such surpluses in lean years.

Certain provisions of the existing soil conservation act, under which farmers are paid for such practices as shifting land from commercial production to soil building growths, would be continued under the new act.

The older AAA bill, which was drafted by the American Farm Bureau federation and on which Congress has not acted, proposed a quota system of crop control in case excessive production threatened.

The new measure, however, will require a two-thirds vote of producers of affected commodities before control measures could be taken.

Pope is unwilling to predict that Congress will pass the legislation at this session, but advocated committee hearings with the idea of putting it into effect next year.

"A 200,000,000-bushel wheat surplus is in prospect this year and another such surplus would beat prices down to a serious degree," he said.

Local Town Commissioners To Hold Meeting Tonight

Williamston's board of town commissioners will hold its regular monthly session at 8 o'clock this evening, Mayor Hassell stating today that no special business had been placed on the calendar for consideration.

The session, scheduled to have been held last evening, was postponed as yesterday was a general holiday.

Mr. and Mrs. W. T. Palmer and daughters, of Elizabeth City, Mrs. Ming Shipman and daughter, and Miss Virginia Hill, of Hendersonville spent the holidays here with Mrs. Jordan Ward.

Activities of Forest Protection Service Reviewed in Report

Warden Henry D. Hardison Points Out Benefits Of Program

"I am reasonably assured that a large acreage of valuable land has been saved from the fires because of the service, and the public is readily realizing the resulting benefits," Henry D. Hardison, county forest fire warden, said in his annual report this week to the county commissioners, covering the activities of the forest protection service in this county during the past fiscal year.

In a detailed report, the warden reviewed the activities of the service. There are nearly 200,000 acres of timberland under protection, Mr. Hardison stating that fires burned over only 1,321 acres during the past year. The resulting damage was estimated at \$2,405.

In addition to the approximately \$800 appropriated by the Martin County commissioners, the State and Federal governments have done much to further the program. The government built one of the fire towers at a cost of approximately \$2,000, cleared miles of truck and foot trails and did considerable mapping. The government forces spent 10,000 man days in the forests of the county, the labor cost, figured at \$1 a day, running well over \$10,000.

"This work was made possible only because the county joined in the cooperative fire control program of the state and federal governments. We are now permitted to call in CCC boys and this alone is a great protection," Mr. Hardison said. The CCC boys were called into this county twice during the year to fight fires, one in the old Dymond City area and once in Jamesville Township.

Forty-three fires were handled by the wardens, most of them being confined to plots of only a few acres. Seven of the fires burned over areas slightly more than 100 acres each.

Mrs. Caroline Rogers Died Early Monday

Mrs. Caroline Rogers, highly respected citizen of Bear Grass Township and one of that section's oldest residents, died at the home of her daughter-in-law, Mrs. J. J. Rogers, yesterday morning following an illness of only a few weeks. She was 89 years old, and lived in this county all her life, holding the esteem of all who knew her and possessing a large circle of friendship. Despite her advanced age, she was fairly active until her recent illness.

Mrs. Rogers was a faithful member of the Primitive Baptist church for many years.

Two sons, Messrs. Alonza Rogers and Tom Rogers, and two daughters, Mrs. James Henry Ward and Mrs. Harriett Harris, of Bear Grass Township, survive.

Funeral services are being conducted this afternoon at 2:00 o'clock from the late home. Burial will be in the family cemetery in Bear Grass Township. Elder A. B. Ayers is conducting the last rites.

Conservation Payments Total \$172,645 in County

Forty checks, totaling \$3,369.06, were received in the county this week for participants in the soil conservation program, Miss Mary Carstarphen, secretary, stating that approximately 21 checks representing 7 applications were still due farmers in this county.

To date, 2,443 farmers in this county have received a total of \$172,645.68 benefits under the soil conservation program. These figures are based on 1,099 contracts or applications.

County Board Holds Meeting Today With Lot of Work Ahead

Work Early Today Centers Around Adjustments In Property Values

Enjoying a holiday with almost everyone else Monday, the Martin County Commissioners started their regular monthly session here this morning, the authorities facing an intricate schedule of work and the probability of having to hold another meeting shortly to clear their calendar.

The program today calls for a continuation of adjustments in property valuations, the study of budget figures for the current year, the receiving of petitions for roads and the handling of a crowded routine work calendar. Adjustments in property valuations are about completed, however, and the commissioners are expected to give much time to the proposed budget for financing welfare activities and assistance to dependent children, the aged and the blind. Griffins Township citizens are expected to appeal to the commissioners for the improvement of a road in their district, leading from J. R. Corey's via Lilley's store to U. S. Highway 17 at the Old Mill Inn.

Appeals for aid were heard from the less fortunate hardly before Chairman J. E. Pope could call the meeting to order. The appeals were directed to the welfare department. Messrs. C. C. Fleming, of Jamesville; R. L. Perry, of Bear Grass; J. E. Pope, Williamston; C. A. Roberson, Robersonville; and R. A. Hassell, Hassell, are present for the meeting.

Health Board To Hold Meet Soon

The Martin County Board of Health will consider applications for the position of full-time health officer for this county at a meeting of the group to be held within the next few days, possibly the latter part of this or early next week, it was learned today.

Several applications for the position have been received, it is understood.

Members of the county board of health when questioned were unable to say today when the full-time service would be made available. It is possible that the offices will be opened the first of next month if experience requirements of the successful applicant meets approval of the State Health authorities. Pending the appointment of a full-time health officer, the county health authorities have taken no action in locating the offices for the work.

Mrs. Bennett Representing Hospital Saving Association

Mrs. Eloise Bennett has just been appointed local representative for the Hospital Saving Association of North Carolina, Inc., Chapel Hill. It was announced yesterday by Miss Tarca Tolar, the organization's field supervisor, who will be in the county for two weeks training Mrs. Bennett in the new work.

The Hospital Saving Association is a civic non-profit organization rendering a social service to the people of this State. It was organized through the North Carolina Hospital Association and Medical Society with a \$25,000 grant from the Duke Endowment. It offers many benefits at a nominal cost, and the association is growing rapidly.

Miss Tolar, the eastern field supervisor, was formerly a member of the Farm Life school faculty in this county.

Infant of Mr. and Mrs. Rea Dies In Roanoke Rapids

Mr. and Mrs. W. M. Rea, of Roanoke Rapids, announce the birth of a son, Robert Edward, on Sunday, July 4th, and the death of the child on Monday, July 5th. Mrs. Rea is the former Miss Hazel Brown, of Williamston.

Revised Farm Tenancy Measure Gets Approval

The house agriculture committee in Washington last week approved a revised farm tenancy bill authorizing an appropriation of \$10,000,000 for liberal loans to tenants and share croppers in 1938.

A previously approved measure, which met opposition in the rules committee, would have authorized \$50,000,000.

Misses Edith and Kate Stallings spent some time at Rea's Beach during the holidays.

Sanitation Projects Of WPA Regarded As Of Most Importance

Build More Than 100 Privies In County Since First Of This Year

Of all the many worth-while projects fostered by the Works Progress Administration, possibly none has had such a far-reaching effect as has the community sanitation projects located all over the entire state. This program is not merely confining itself to the construction of sanitary privies, but at the same time it is, by means of suggestion, educating the people of the state to the usefulness of sanitary surroundings.

Since January 1, 1937, the Works Progress Administration has furnished free-of-charge labor that has constructed, in this county, over 118 sanitary privies. The only cost to the property owners has been the materials necessary in order that the privies might be built of the type approved by the State Board of Health, which is sponsoring this movement toward a more healthful state.

At present excellent privies are being built over the county at material costs of from \$10 to \$18. In view of the fact that the privies constructed by this project are planned to give service for from five to eight years without resetting, the advantage to the public is very obvious.

Four laborers, seven carpenters, and one foreman now comprise the active personnel of the Martin County privy project. However, behind the scenes of this work are the public-minded officials and engineers of the Works Progress Administration and also the sanitary inspectors of the State Board of Health.

Plans are, if they are finally approved by the WPA, to solicit the aid of the county board of commissioners and the boards of the several towns of the county so that the project may be worked 22 days per month rather than the present maximum of 16 days per month. This assistance would amount to the local units of the government contributing toward the wages of the project employees after their normal periods of work under the WPA has expired. Every man on the project would be on these days employed by the local units rather than by the WPA. However, the supervision would still be furnished by the WPA.

In view of the forthcoming Public Health Service for the county and the clean-up campaign now in progress in Williamston, the program is a most timely one. Considering the many benefits that may be derived from such a program, the county and towns might well join in the sponsorship of such a project.

Sanitary conditions throughout the county at large are utterly deplorable. Laborers and carpenters of the projects are daily tolerating the most repulsive of filth in order that the county may have better standards of health. That one fact, together with the fact that work relief is being provided by the project makes it doubly worth while.

The employees of the Martin County project of community sanitation are perhaps the best, when taken as a group, of any that is available in the country. Because of that, the project is probably the most efficient of any of the type in Eastern North Carolina. Teamwork on the project is excellent, and each man evidently is striving for a more and better organized work group.

H. B. Jones Dies After Operation

Henry B. Jones, father of Mrs. George A. Stewart, until recently of Williamston, died in an Elizabeth City hospital yesterday afternoon at 5:30 o'clock, following an operation performed the day before. He was 58 years old and made his home in Buxton.

Funeral services are being conducted this afternoon at 5 o'clock, and burial will follow in the Episcopal church yard in Edenton, the old home of the family.

Besides his daughter, he leaves one son, Meredith Jones, of the U. S. Navy, and his widow, who was Miss Ethel Webb before her marriage.

Mr. and Mrs. B. S. Courtney are among those from here attending the last rites today.

Many Local People To Attend Exhibition Game

Between thirty-five and forty people are leaving this section today for Washington City where they plan to see the all-star exhibition baseball game tomorrow. Among the group were a number of farmers.

Double Holiday Very Quiet in This County

RAINFALL

June was a dry period for this immediate section, the weather station on Roanoke River reporting 1.62 inches of rain, as compared with 7.45 inches for the same month last year. Some communities in this area have had considerably more rain than that, while others have not had as much as was reported locally. Nearly an inch of rain has fallen here since the first of the month.

During the first six months of last year the weather station reported 27.24 inches of rain, compared with 23.98 inches recorded locally during the first six months of this year.

County Agriculture Conservation Group Reorganized Friday

J. F. Crisp Elected Head of Agricultural Conservation Association for 1937

The reorganization of the Martin County Agricultural Conservation Association was completed at a meeting held in the county agricultural building last Friday afternoon, when J. F. Crisp, of Oak City, was made president; L. A. Clark, of Everetts, vice president; F. C. Stallings, of Jamesville, member; and J. R. Winslow, of Robersonville, alternate, on the county committee.

Messrs. Sidney Beacham, J. C. Ross, George C. Griffin, D. R. Edmondson, P. M. Holliday, J. R. Winslow, W. L. Ausbon, C. L. Daniel, Fred Taylor, and H. S. Everett constitute the board of directors, and they named the committee.

The personnel of the several community committees includes: Bear Grass: Sidney Beacham, W. M. Harrison, J. D. Wynn and H. U. Peel.

Cross Roads: W. L. Ausbon, Gaston James and H. D. Peel. Goose Nest: J. C. Ross, Wilson Outerbridge, H. A. Early, and L. H. Hux.

Griffins: George C. Griffin, W. B. Harrington, J. C. Gurkin and S. E. Manning.

Hamilton: D. R. Edmondson, C. L. Nelson, J. H. Lillard, and George A. Oglesby.

Jamesville: P. M. Holliday, C. C. Martin and J. L. Knowles.

Robersonville: J. R. Winslow, S. T. Everett, J. R. Daniel, and R. S. Everett.

Williams: C. L. Daniel, R. J. Hardison, W. J. Gardner, Joshua L. Coltrain.

Williamston-Poplar Point: Fred Taylor, John R. Peel, Walter Halberstadt, and W. L. Taylor.

The county committee at the meeting last Friday approved a list of supervisors. Forms for handling the compliance details are expected to reach here on Saturday of this week and the work is likely to get underway the early part of next week.

Completes Curing Barn New Tobacco

Harvesting the primings from a few acres of tobacco transplanted early in the spring, Farmer Alonza Allen, of Cross Roads, finished curing his first barn of the leaf last Friday evening. The farmer reported fair quality, and stated that he had good prospects for an excellent crop.

Rains later in the week made the crop turn green, and Mr. Allen said it would be probably some time before he harvested the second barn from his 6.7 acres. Mr. Allen is about the second farmer in the county to complete the curing of a barn of tobacco this season. Farmer K. B. Etheridge harvested one in the Hassell section of Hamilton Township on Saturday, June 26, and he is thought to be the first to start the work in the county this season.

Young Son of Mr. and Mrs. Moses Wheeler Dies Here

James H. Wheeler, 5 months old, died at the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Moses Wheeler, here Sunday. Services were held yesterday afternoon at 2 o'clock, and burial was in the local cemetery. He was the only child and had been ill with malaria for only a few days.

Traffic Is Heavy on Roads But No Major Accidents Reported

Cars Crash on Lower Main Street Here Monday; No One Hurt

Quietness marked the observance of the double Fourth of July holiday here and in the county, no serious accidents, untimely deaths, or disorders being reported by county and local officers. Several arrests were made during the period, but each of the defendants was booked for minor infractions of the peace.

Business activities with one or two exceptions were stilled and joy riding came into its own on a large scale. Buses were operated with capacity loads and extra rolling stock was placed on the runs through here by the bus-line operators. Automobiles passed over the Roanoke bridge at the rate of 120 an hour from mid-morning until late last night, the parade of cars indicating that North Carolina was headed for Virginia and Virginia was coming home to North Carolina, the trend of reversed traffic going into effect late in the day.

The only accident reported in this vicinity took place early Monday morning when a car sideswiped another and crashed into the fence just this side of the river bridge. No one was hurt, but considerable damage was done to one of the cars. Several colored men, traveling in a hurry from Philadelphia to see New Bern relatives for the first time in about 20 years, tried to round the curve with their new Dodge sedan running about 60 miles an hour. Willie Johnson, Washington negro who was meeting the speeding outfit, parked his car just as near the fence as he could, but the speeding car bore down on him, knocking off one side of the body and tearing down a wheel.

Early reports from over the nation placed the double holiday deaths at more than 400, the beaches and highways claiming the most lives. No single major accident was reported. Traffic accidents established a new record and cost the lives of at least 228 people, or 20 more than were reported in the corresponding period a year ago. Nearly 100 people were drowned and at least 70 others met violent deaths in other ways over the United States.

J. B. Hutson Speaker At Farmers' Rally in Greenville Friday

More Than 3,000 Farmers Express Themselves In Favor Crop Control

Holding an annual picnic in Greenville last Friday, more than 3,000 farmers and Farm Bureau members passed a resolution calling for the immediate enactment of the 1937 soil conservation bill, with the ever-normal granary feature.

When asked if they favored a control provision, the farmers stood in a body and not a single vote was cast against control, it was learned.

Addressing the meeting, J. B. Hutson said, "The present system of control through conservation, valuable as it is, might not meet the situation which would arise in connection with some crops if we had another siege such as that of 1936.

"Nor will our present plan meet the situation caused by a series of years when growing conditions are unusually good. It will eliminate the fluctuations which arise from heavy surpluses only to a certain extent. Many feel that something more is needed if all is to be done that can be done to mitigate the fluctuation in production, prices and income."

Only Two Contagious Disease Cases Reported

June was a healthy month in Martin County, as far as contagious diseases were concerned, according to a report from the county health office this week. Only two cases of contagious diseases were reported. One whooping cough case in Jamesville Township and a chickenpox case in Williamston constituted the health officer's report for the period. A case of infantile paralysis was reported in Gold Point last week, but that will appear in the report for July.