

## Martins Run Present Streak To 6 in Row; Still Trailing Billies

### Art Hauger's Boys Holding To Second Position By Six-Run Margin

Winning six straight and eight of the last nine played, Art Hauger's Martins these past few days have tightened their hold on second place in the Coastal Plain standings, but Peashead Walker's Snow Hill Billies have been winning a bit regularly and maintain a three-game margin today over the locals. At this stage of the race Goldsboro trails Williamston by five full games.

Even the chronic growlers ceased their growling as the Martins showed added life this hot weather to chalk up six straight wins and defeat Kinston for the ninth and tenth times in as many games so far this season. Don Victoria went into action behind the bat for the Martins in the game with Goldsboro here last Friday and had a perfect day at bat as well as behind the bat. Clarence "Soup" Campbell, brought here from Richmond for outfield work, has not entered the line-up. President Goodman stating this morning that the young man had not fully recovered from an injury received earlier in the season.

Big Jim Rolins had his day last Friday, when he turned the Bugs down with 4 hits and fanned 10 to feature the 5-2 win. While he was handling the "chunking," his teammates took care of the stickwork. Led by Victoria with 4 for 4, the locals got to Musser for 17 safeties. Villepique got 3 for 4, and Earp, Stanley, Stevens and Deim each hit safely on two occasions.

Kinston was turned back, 11 to 6, over in Kinston last Saturday. The Martins executed another of their batting attacks that netted 16 hits, including 3 home runs, 2 by McCay and another by Stanley. There was a lot of protesting, but officially all complaints were withdrawn. Kinston alleged there were to many Martins in uniforms, and the fans maintained there was too much Williamston, anyhow. The Eagles were alleged to have had an ineligible man playing third, but at the end of the game all were satisfied except the Kinston fans, and they just could not get over the nine straight lickings handed them by the Martins. Led by Earp, Stanley and Stevens, with 3 hits each, the Martins touched Cooper and Sekeres for 16 safeties. Deim, Lakatos and McCay getting 2 each, both of McCay's counting for the circuit, one with two on in the third. Biggie pitched for the Martins and allowed 10 hits before he was relieved in the seventh. Fields, finishing the game, held the Eagles hitless.

Even though the law of averages favored Kinston in the game here Sunday, the visitors dropped the contest, 10 to 3. Wade, pitching for the Martins, proved quite effective in the pinches and the visitors' 11 hits were useless for the most part. Wade homered in the fourth to share the batting honors with Earp and Deim. Earp hit 3 for 4, and Deim homered in the third with two on. The Martins did their damage in the third, fourth and fifth frames, the visitors shifting their line-up after that and held the locals scoreless during the remainder of the game.

## Old-Age Assistance Work Progressing

The work of extending assistance to needy children, the aged and the blind is going forward steadily in the county, the welfare department announcing the handling of 20 applications Monday. More than 100 applications have been filed for the aged, and possibly 50 others have already been rejected.

The first appeal from the welfare department's ruling was heard Monday by the Martin County Board of Commissioners, but no action has been taken in the case. Attorney J. C. Smith carried the appeal of Reuben Bland before the appeal board, it was learned.

### Sweet Home Church To Elect Officers This Week

The membership of the Sweet Home Christian church, near Bear Grass, will elect elders and deacons at a meeting to be held in the church Friday evening of this week, it was announced today. Church leaders there are anxious to have a large representation present.

Sunday evening at 8 o'clock a special service will be held in the church by Rev. C. C. Ware, state secretary for the Christian church, for the ordination of the officers. All members and others are invited.

## Board of Health To Consider Health Officer Applications

The Martin County Board of Health is expected to hold a meeting between now and the end of this week to consider the appointment of a full-time health officer for the county, it was learned today. The board members have not been called into session at this time, the secretary stating that they would be notified just as soon as arrangements regarding the applicants here could be effected.

There are four applications on file

with the county board, but no action in connection with the appointment of a full-time man will be taken until all the applicants are interviewed. It was learned that all the applicants had splendid records, but that only one of them had actual experience in public health work. At least two of the others are taking special training in Chapel at the present time, but they will not be available for service in this county until on or after January 1, it was learned.

## Schools of County To Open on September 2

### Overcast Skies Give Section Some Relief From Heat Today

### More Than 400 People Die As Heat Wave Strikes in Twenty-five States

Overcast skies today gave this section relief, temporary, at least, following a six-day heat wave that had the mercury as high as 97 degrees at times. Relief of any permanence was not in sight, however, as reports from other sections of the nation stated that the main wave continues unbroken. Scattered thunder showers brought relief yesterday and today in some sections.

Already the excessive heat has exacted a death toll estimated at close to 400 persons in the 25 states bearing the brunt of the attack. More than 45 people have lost their lives by drowning since the heat wave got underway nearly a week ago. Nearly one-fourth of the deaths from heat were reported in the states of New York and New Jersey. There were 27 such deaths in Michigan, 37 in Pennsylvania, 38 in Connecticut and 20 in Illinois. Effects of the heat reached all the way to Maine, where six deaths have been reported as a result of the wave.

Temperature changes will be of slight importance today, according to forecasts by the Weather Bureau.

North Carolina reported no deaths from heat, but the hot and dry weather has threatened growing crops. Tobacco and corn are wilting in the fields under a hot sun.

## Begin Compliance Work This Week

Following the arrival of necessary forms this week, the county agent's office is rushing arrangements for starting compliance work the latter part of this week under the soil conservation program, Mr. T. B. Slade said today. Definite plans for the compliance work are still pending the completion of an aerial survey of part of the county, Mr. Slade pointed out. Regardless of the aerial survey progress, the county forces will start working checking compliance in the lower part of the county. Supervisors who are to work in the lower sections of the county will like be called into the office of the agent for the forms and final instructions within the next two or three days, it is understood.

### Occupants Unhurt As Cars Crash on Jamesville Road

No one was badly hurt, but considerable property damage resulted when the cars of A. Corey, Jr., and G. E. Little crashed on the Jamesville-Plymouth highway late last night. Several boys in the Corey car were painfully skinned and bruised, but their injuries were not serious, Officer J. H. Roebuck said after investigating the wreck. The left sides of the two cars were battered and partly torn off.

Mr. Little, Ohio engineer working for the pulp mill in the lower part of this county, was driving with his family towards Jamesville when the cars sideswiped each other.

### Many Sign Contracts for Hospital Savings Benefits

Mayor John L. Hassell was the first Martin County man to join the Hospital Savings Association, Mrs. Eloise Bennett, local representative, stating today that many applications for membership in the organization were being received.

The association is a non-profit organization, and it is receiving strong support over the state.

### Believed Early Date Will Help Hold Up Average Attendance

### Date Not Determined For Opening the Colored Schools in County

Martin County schools will start the 1937-38 term on Thursday, September 2, the board of education decided in special meeting Monday. The opening date is described as the earliest in years and was determined only after a long discussion of the advantages and disadvantages of cutting short the vacations of thousands of Martin County children.

In determining the early opening date, the board believes that a better attendance average will be made possible, that the children can be spared from the rural home chores better in the early fall than in the spring. The board also remembered the long delay caused by bad road conditions during the past two terms, and decided that an early start would forestall, partially at least, any delay that may follow this coming term. And there is no reason why interruptions are not to be expected again this coming term.

It was also pointed out that heretofore many parents were unable to buy books for the children until a portion of the tobacco crop was harvested. This year there will be no books for the grammar-school children to buy, and the tobacco markets will have been opened a week, giving the parents some time, at least, to buy clothes for the youngsters.

Patrons in more than half the schools are said to favor the early opening. When all the advantages were considered, the board, while realizing that some hardships will follow, determined to cut the vacation of the county's youth short by a few days.

The board also decided on the holiday schedule for the term. Two days are allowed for Thanksgiving, but the Christmas observance will have to be crowded into one week, the schools to close on the 21st and reopen on the 29th.

Dates for opening the colored schools in the county were not determined at the meeting this week. The colored plants are likely to start the term about a week later or possibly two weeks after the white schools open for the term.

### County Home Inmate Dies Early Monday Morning

Dock Harrison, Martin County home inmate, died there Monday morning at 1 o'clock following a long period of declining health. He suffered a stroke of paralysis a few weeks ago and was later removed to the county home.

He was about 57 years old, and lived in the Gold Point section of the county before he entered the county home a few days ago. He had never married and leaves one brother, Will Harrison, of Scotland Neck.

The body was turned over to relatives early in the day and burial followed that afternoon in Robersonville Township without any funeral rites, it was stated.

### Young Man Loses Life In Washington, D. C.

A Young man named Williams was drowned while swimming in Washington City last Saturday afternoon. He was the son of C. A. Williams, and the body was carried through here yesterday for burial just over in Beaufort County not far from Smithwick Creek.

According to reports reaching here Young Williams dived into shallow water and suffered a skull fracture.

## Board of Education Makes Contracts for 2 Building Projects

### A. T. Gurkin and Brothers Low Bidders on Parmele And Gold Point Jobs

Meeting in special session Monday, the Martin County commissioners awarded contracts for the construction of a school building for colored children at Gold Point and a three-room addition to the colored plant at Parmele. Dates for opening the schools in the county were definitely determined, all members attending and taking part in the business before the meeting.

A. T. Gurkin and Brothers, county contractors, were low bidders on both the building projects, the one at Parmele to cost \$3,750 and the one at Gold Point cost \$4,300. The building at Gold Point replaces an old structure that was destroyed by fire a few weeks ago. Reports claiming the building was fired were investigated, but the evidence was considered insufficient to support indictments. The new building will be of frame construction and will have four classrooms.

Increased enrollment makes necessary a three-room addition to the Parmele school building. The addition will be of brick construction. Both projects are to be completed and ready for use when the new term gets underway in September.

After ordering the agricultural department discontinued in Parmele school, the board reconsidered its action and the service will be continued, the board allotting \$200 as its part of the department costs.

Messrs. E. H. Ange, J. F. Martin, George C. Griffin, J. W. Eubanks and J. D. Woolard were present for the meeting.

## Several Fights Aired in Court

Hot weather here put several of the colored population in a fighting mood over the week-end, but Mayor Hassell got most of them straightened out in his court last night and sent the remainder to the county courts for trial.

Judgment was suspended upon payment of the costs in the case charging Melisha Whitehurst, Tee Briley and Lillie Whitehurst with an affray.

Probable cause was found in the case, and Jeff Whitehurst was bound over to the county court for trial.

Charged with the theft of a hog from Frank Carstaphen, J. T. Briley was bound over to the county court for trial. Unable to raise the \$200 bond, Briley was placed in jail.

## Belk-Tyler Sale Begins Thursday

Recognized as one of its biggest annual selling events, the Belk-Tyler Company opens its annual July Sale here Thursday morning. Manager Claude Plyler announcing today that the big store would be closed all day Wednesday while drastic price reductions are effected.

Commenting on the huge selling event, Mr. Plyler stated that every item in the store will be placed on sale, that at no time in the history of the company have greater bargains been offered to the buying public. "We have just got to make room for fall merchandise in our store, and that's why we are making the many big bargains available during our July sale," he added.

### Infant Daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Jasper B. Ayers Dies

The 14-month-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Jasper B. Ayers died at the home of her parents near Washington early last Friday night, following an attack of colitis. Pneumonia was given as the immediate cause of the child's death.

Funeral services were conducted by Rev. W. B. Harrington at the Tice Cemetery in Griffins Township, this county, Saturday afternoon at 3:30 o'clock.

### Margolis Brothers Start Their July Sale Thursday

Marked reductions in all departments have been effected by Margolis Brothers preparatory to starting their big annual July Clearance Sale on Thursday of this week. The store's July Clearance Sale is an annual event, and one that attracts thrifty shoppers from great distances. The owners have completed arrangements for one of their biggest selling events.

## William Lawrence Bennett Dies at Home of Brother

### Funeral Services Conducted Friday Afternoon By Rev. J. H. Smith

William Lawrence Bennett, Williamston Township farmer, died at the home of his brother, Mr. Frank C. Bennett, near here on the McGaskey road, last Thursday night at 9 o'clock, following a long period of declining health. He suffered a stroke of paralysis about a year ago, and he is believed to have suffered a second stroke a few days before he died.

Mr. Bennett was 63 years old, the son of the late Mr. and Mrs. Calvin Bennett. He had lived in this county all his life and farmed until his health failed him. Mr. Bennett did not get out much and seldom left the old home. It was said he visited Williamston the last time when the first anniversary of the signing of the Armistice was observed here in 1919.

Funeral services were conducted Friday afternoon at 4:30 o'clock by Rev. James H. Smith. Burial was in the family plot in the Baptist cemetery here.

Besides his brother, he is survived by four sisters, Mrs. J. K. Gurganus, of Cross Roads; Mrs. Augustus A. Wynn; Mrs. J. P. Harris; and Mrs. L. R. Nicholson, all of Williamston.

## Eleven Killed, Many Injured in Crashes On State Highways

### No Serious Accidents Are Reported in This County During Week-end

Death stalked the highways of North Carolina over the week-end, an incomplete check showing eleven dead and many injured. No accidents of any serious consequence were reported in this county, but traffic was heavy on the roads of this section during the period.

A truck-auto collision near High Point resulted in death for 71-year-old twin sisters, Mrs. Nathan Burrow and Mrs. Mack Tilley, of Asheboro, and injuries to four others.

Two Wilson men were found dead early Monday morning under their overturned automobile. They were Frank Deans, 49, and Hardy Davis, 51. Odell Brown, trapped with them when their car wrecked shortly before midnight, was seriously burned by acid leaking from the battery.

Near Clayton, an auto smashed into a group of three pedestrians Saturday night, killing Johnny Ham, 19, of near Clayton, and James Blizard, Jr., 13, of Danville, Va. Laura Williams, 19, was reported badly hurt. Officers arrested Leon Smith and fixed his bond at \$500 as the alleged driver of the wild car.

Miss Mildred Woodard, 22, and Miss Ruth Banks, 20, both of Wilson, were killed when their seashore-bound automobile left a highway and landed upside down in five feet of water in a creek near Havelock, between New Bern and Morehead City. Three companions were injured, one seriously.

Other fatal accidents of the week-end took the lives of Mrs. Eva Mae Hevland, of Cincinnati, Ohio, near Wadesboro, and Bryant Martin, 15, of Mt. Olive.

### County and Local Officers Place Dozen In Jail Here

A little crime wave rode into this county on a heat wave last week-end, local and county officers effecting more than a dozen arrests. Six, or about half, the defendants defied the hot weather and kept too close company with the bottle. They were jailed on drunk and disorderly charges. Even though the mercury reached nearly to the 100-mark, several of those arrested and jailed did not find the weather too hot for fighting. Two were arrested for alleged larceny.

### W. C. Manning Continues In Hospital at Richmond

W. C. Manning, Enterprise editor, continues in a Richmond hospital for treatment, his condition slightly improved, reports received here today stated. He entered the hospital last Wednesday and is expected home possibly by the latter part of this week.

### Mrs. Biggs Continues Critically Ill

Mrs. Warren H. Biggs, who has been confined to her bed for several months, continues quite ill at her home here on Smithwick Street.

## Tax Rate Tentatively Set at Meet Monday

### Youth Hurt in Auto Accident Here June 27 Dies of Injuries

### Alexander Lee Andrews Is Buried In Mt. Gilead Sunday Morning

Injured in an automobile wreck near here on Highway 64 on Sunday, June 27, Alexander Lee Andrews, 18-year-old youth of Mount Gilead, died in a Washington hospital last Friday afternoon. Andrews, riding with J. F. Blue, of Parkton, in a Packard car, suffered a broken back and other injuries. After receiving first-aid treatment here, he was carried to the hospital, where his recovery was considered doubtful from the first.

Barton H. Owens, another passenger in the car, was badly hurt, but, according to reports reaching here from his home in Roseboro, Sampson County, he is recovering. Blue, driver of the car, was not badly hurt.

The large Packard car, said to have been running around 55 miles an hour, skidded off the road, tore down an electric transmission line pole and catapulted into a pile of building tile at the State Highway Patrol radio station. Andrews was pinned under the car and was paralyzed from the waist down.

Funeral services were conducted in the Mount Gilead Methodist church Sunday morning.

Andrews' life was the fifth lost on the highways of this county this year. Three of the five victims were pedestrians and a fourth was riding a bicycle when death overtook them.

## Four Arrested For Bootlegging

Four alleged bootleggers, two men and two women, all colored, were rounded up by Special officer J. H. Roebuck last week-end.

Raiding in Williamston Saturday night, the officer found a gallon of illegal liquor in the possession of Dorothy Brown and R. D. Spruill. The case against the Brown woman was thrown out of court by Judge Peel Monday, and action was continued in the case against Spruill.

Oscar Council, colored man of the Hassell section, was found Sunday in possession of two and a half gallons of liquor, and his case is pending in the courts. Bertha Collins, arrested in the Hassell section Sunday morning, possessed a pint of liquor, but she almost destroyed the evidence when she ran to a side door and poured it out on Officer Bill Haislip before he could stop her.

## Plans Go Forward For Fair This Fall

Plans are well underway for handling the Williamston Fair the early part of October, Resident Manager Harvey Walker announcing today that the Frank West shows had already been signed and that present indications point to one of the most complete grandstand programs ever offered here.

Work is underway on the premium list, the management stating that substantial premium increases can be expected in several of the departments. The agricultural features will be stressed in the program this year, but not at the expense of the amusement attractions, Mr. Walker said.

"Lucky Teter" is under contract, and he is to appear here with an added program on Friday of fair week.

### Hold Tobacco Conference In Nation's Capital Today

Washington, July 12.—Representative Harold D. Cooley today called the first meeting of the group of 11 Congressmen selected to consider tobacco legislation at this session of Congress for tomorrow afternoon.

Prospects for passage of a general bill are much brighter than they have been heretofore, and were brightened further today by a letter from President Roosevelt to the chairmen of the Senate and House committees urging such action.

However, it is by no means certain that there will be such legislation, and the group headed by Mr. Cooley wants to be ready with a separate bill should the general bill not go through.

## Reduction of From 1 To 2 Cents Certain; \$1.41 1-2 Is Suggested

### County Rate for the Past Two Years Was \$1.43 Per \$100 Valuation

Martin County's 1937 tax rate was tentatively set at \$1.41 1-2 on the \$100 property valuation, the board of commissioners meeting in special session here yesterday delaying final action until the first Monday in August. Most of the session this week was spent hearing complaints from property owners on their listings, the board making an even dozen adjustments.

The county's proposed tax rate for 1937 is certain to show a reduction of at least 1 cent, and possibly 2 cents, the board directing a close survey of the needs and the property valuations with the hope that a 2-cent reduction can be made.

The proposed budget carries increases in every department with the exception of two, a review of the figures shows. The general fund was increased from 7 to 9 1-2 cents. The poor fund, including the social security program costs, calls for an increase of 3 cents, or from 14 to 17 cents on the \$100 property valuation. The health fund was increased from 6 to 7 cents, the increase being very small, considering the fact that a full-time health service will be established in the county. County debt service requires a levy of 52.6 cents, as compared with a levy of 59 cents last year. Debt service for the schools drops from 49 to 41 cents, but current expense costs increase from 5 to 8.5 cents, and the capital outlay fund jumps from 3 to 6 cents.

It is estimated that a rate of 86 cents on the \$100 valuation will be necessary to raise \$103,090.73 for all county purposes and a rate of 55.5 cents will be necessary to raise \$66,465.00 for the schools.

In addition to the \$169,555.73 of which \$103,090.73 is for county purposes and \$66,465 for schools—the county board estimates that other income will amount to \$34,478. Included in the income other than that to be raised by direct taxation are liquor profits, estimated at about \$13,000, the remaining \$21,000, or approximately that amount to come from fees, beer license sales and Schedule "B" taxes, and other minor sources.

Last year the county levied 6 cents for public health work, but a large portion of the levy was for financing the anti-typhoid fever campaign, and as a result no material increase in the rate is necessary to finance the enlarged service during 1937.

The commissioners heard their last tax valuation complaints at the meeting Monday, the equalization and review work started last month netting an increase of \$10,753 in the county-wide property valuation. Up to this week the commissioners had made 55 adjustments, the gains in values amounting to \$26,250 and the losses standing at \$9,255. At the meeting this week the commissioners granted 11 reductions amounting to \$6,492, and effected one increase of \$250. The \$6,242 loss resulting from the adjustments this week reduced the total gain to \$10,753. Many inequities in the tax values were eliminated, no doubt, but in actual gains the commissioners accomplished little during their review that last more than a week.

## Decrease Shown in Mail-Order Business

A decrease of \$569.05 in the money order business was reported by the local post office during the first half of this year, compared with the business handled during the first six months of 1936, according to information released today by Postmaster L. T. Fowden. In the first six months of last year, the money order business amounted to \$51,539.38, as compared with \$50,970.33 in the first half of 1937.

Contrary to the business trend in this section, more money orders were sold in June of this year than in the same month of last year, the office handling money orders in the sum of \$8,940.65 last month, as compared with \$8,301.67 a year ago. March was a busy month at the money order window, the local office writing orders in the total amount of \$10,361.76.