

## Rollins Fans 18 in 3-2 Win Over Greenies; New League Record

### Fans Have Big Day Here Tuesday as Martins Win Over Snow Hill 10-6

The home boys played ball for the home folks this week, offering the brand that was packed with enjoyment—and misery for the visitors. The weather gave the Martins a rest sandwiched between a 10-to-6 clubbing over Snow Hill Tuesday and a 3-2 win over Greenies here yesterday. The two days activities left the Martins just two games out of first place in the league standings, the boys allowing that they would have been only one game out of first position had the contest not been rained out with Snow Hill there Wednesday.

The feature of the play yesterday was a new strike-out record established by Big Jim Rollins. The Arkansas right-hander fanned 18 Greenville batters, running his count for the season to 146.

Facing Peahead Walker's ace hurler, Zak, the Martins were off to a slow start here last Tuesday afternoon in the contest with Snow Hill. The visitors scored in the first frame and the Martins tied the count at 1-all in their half of the same inning. The second inning was scoreless, but Mr. Walker threw out his chest in the third when his players made four hits count for four runs after a questionable decision by the ump at second base. Adding their second run in the fourth, the Martins prepared an attack against Zak in the fifth when they converted 5 hits and a walk into 5 runs. Villepique started the rally that sent Zak to the showers and charged the Snow Hill pitcher with his second loss of the season. Villepique's single was followed by another off Stanley's bat. Stevens then sent a triple to the school building, scoring two runs. Deim drew a pass and two more counted on Victoria's triple after Lakatos had fanned. Victoria then scored what proved to be the winning run on Field's long single to center. Villepique built up a reserve in the eighth with a four-base drive with two on.

In the first part of the game Newborn was accidentally hurt and accidentally hurt in the first and forced to retire, and Wall was ordered out of the game for a verbal attack directed at Umpire Rhinehardt.

Jefferson started the game for the Martins, but was relieved by Fields in the third after yielding 5 hits. There was a bit of ragged playing, but the team settled down and supported Fields as he pitched 5-hit ball during the remainder of the route. Bunting honors went to Victoria with 3 for 3 and to Ace Villepique with 2 for 4, one of them counting for the circuit.

In the 3-2 win over Greenies here yesterday afternoon, the Martins annexed six hits off Moser, Stanley getting half that number to bat in two runs. Victoria batted in the other run.

Rollins took the spotlight early in the game and held it to the end. He fanned the first two men to face him. In the second two more went down on strikes. Big Jim loosened up a bit in the third and fanned but one, but he came back in the fourth and struck out two, duplicating the feat in each of the next two frames. And then in the seventh he fanned three in a row, running his strike-out count to 18 as he fanned two in each of the remaining innings. It was a fanning day for Jim on both sides, for, incidentally, he fanned his three turns at bat. Rollins struck out Johnson, Williams, and Moser three times each and fanned pinchhitters Pignataro and Moser.

## No Road Meeting Scheduled So Far

No progress has been made toward presenting the petitions for improved roads in Griffins Township and from Jamesville to the Washington Road, Mr. J. E. Pope, chairman of the Martin County Board of Commissioners, explaining today that Mr. D. C. Barnes, highway commissioner for this district, had not called another meeting since the one was held in Ahoskie several weeks ago. The requests will be placed before the commission authorities just as soon as the next meeting of county officials and the highway representatives is held, Mr. Pope said.

At a meeting held this month, the county commissioners heard requests from Jamesville and Griffins Township citizens, the board deciding that it would lay the requests, without recommendation, before the highway authorities.

## Dr. Sykes Declines Offer To Become Health Officer Here

Dr. Ralph Sykes, tendered the position of full-time health officer for Martin County, today refused acceptance, explaining that at the urgent insistence of the people of Surry County, where he has been located for the past 18 months, he could not very well afford to accept the appointment in this county just at the present. Dr. Sykes was offered the position in this county by the board of health in a special meeting held last Friday. He asked that he be allowed to consider the offer until today. In his letter of refusal received here this morning by J. C. Manning, board secretary, Dr. Sykes

added that he had hoped to return to Eastern Carolina and be near his home in Northampton County, but, after much consideration, he thought it best to continue his work in Surry County, with headquarters in Mount Airy. Plans are being advanced today for considering other applications for the position, but it could not be learned when the county health board would meet for that purpose. Members of the county board are conferring here today with Dr. Fox of the State Health Department, and it is possible that other applications will be considered at once.

### SNOW HILL HERE

Large crowds are expected next Monday, when the Martins and Snow Hill meet here at 4 o'clock to play off the game rained out the 30th of last month. Considerable interest is attached to the play-off game, since both teams are holding leading positions in the league standings. Next Tuesday will be observed as ladies' day, President Goodman announcing this morning that they would be admitted free to the grounds. He explained that the grandstand was operated under private contract and that the usual 10-cent admission would be in effect for the choice seats.

## Says Social Security Work To Be Handled Slowly, Cautiously

### Welfare Representative Has Praise for Manner Work Handled in County

William J. Wingate, field representative of the State Board of Public Welfare, with headquarters in Williamston, stated this week that the Martin County Welfare Department has done a commendable piece of work in verifying approximately 65 public assistance application forms. "Social Security is not an emergency program," Mr. Wingate stated, "and those persons eligible and applying for aid under the act need have no fear of being too late to receive assistance. The local department should go slowly and cautiously, avoiding mistakes resulting from hasty action and inadequate investigations."

All statements regarding eligibility of applicants for old age assistance and aid to dependent children must be thoroughly checked and verified by the local welfare department staff. This investigation necessarily slows down the operations, but the North Carolina social security law states "... the county welfare board and the county welfare officer shall make diligent investigation and record promptly all the information with respect to such application."

The three forms of public assistance administered through the local welfare department are not the sole duties of the welfare officer, but only an additional assignment over and above her regular activities. For example, while Miss Taylor was receiving an application from a needy aged citizen from Griffins Township, the interview was interrupted by an urgent call from the officials of the Eastern Carolina Training School regarding one of her juvenile charges in that institution.

### Rev. Moseley Announces Episcopal Church Services

Church of the Advent  
Rev. E. F. Moseley, rector.  
St. James, Ninth Sunday After Trinity:  
Holy Communion, 7:30 a. m.  
Church school, 9:45 a. m.  
St. Martins, Hamilton  
Church school, 10 a. m.  
Holy Communion and sermon, 11 a. m.  
Evening prayer and sermon, 8 p. m.

### Compliance Work Moving Along Rapidly in County

Starting this week, approximately fifteen supervisors are making rapid progress checking compliance under the terms of the soil conservation program, reports from the office of the county farm agent here today stated.

No direct information has been received in connection with an aerial survey to be made in part of the county. However, the supervisors are continuing their work in six townships.

## Nine Cases Disposed Of at Monday Term Of Recorder's Court

### Solicitor W. H. Coburn Returns To Work After Lengthy Absence

Judge H. O. Peel called nine cases in the county court Monday, the docket attracting little attention. Solicitor W. H. Coburn, after an absence from the court since last January, was back in his position and prosecuted the docket, the session lasting only a short time.

The case charging R. D. Spruill with violating the liquor laws was continued until next Monday under prayer for judgment.

Robert Dail, Charlie Bland and Henry Goff, charged with larceny and receiving, were sentenced to the roads for three months, the sentences to begin at the direction of the court, at any time within the next two years. Jack Goff, fourth defendant in the case, was carried before Clerk of Court L. B. Wynne, juvenile judge, who released him in the custody of the boy's father.

Judgment was suspended upon payment of the cost and on condition that the defendant, Willie G. Carroll, young white man charged with reckless driving and an assault with a deadly weapon, pay \$72.25 to Earl Tetterton, prosecuting witness.

The case charging Oscar Council with violating the liquor laws was continued until August 2 for the defendant.

Judgment was suspended upon payment of the cost in the case charging Bertha Collins with violating the liquor laws.

The case charging Barney Wynne with non-support was not prosessed.

Charged with disorderly conduct and assault on a female, Jeff Whitehurst pleaded guilty of simple assault. Solicitor Coburn accepted the plea, and the court suspended judgment upon payment of the case cost.

J. D. Wiggins, the colored man who damaged public property in an attempt to break out of the county jail, was sentenced to the roads for 60 days.

## Parmele News of General Interest

Last Wednesday night Paul Wildman took his wife on a hurried trip to the Greenville hospital. Thursday morning the doctors got busy with their little butcher knives and removed her appendix. Last reports were that she is smiling and expected home pretty soon.

The main topic of conversation here is the weather. Sometimes it is hot and dry. When it is not hot and dry, it is dry and hot.

We received a long letter a few days ago from Joanne Woodburn. She sent her love and best wishes to everybody, so we are taking this means of broadcasting, since most everybody in Martin County is her friend. They have bought a home in Trilby, Fla., and repaired it a bit and so now, with plenty of electricity and running water they are settling down to a quiet and peaceful old age. Trilby is about as big as Parmele and seven miles from Dade City, about the size of Robersonville. Lots of nice folks there. The big item in her letter was about the rooster she was cooking. They were having a big field day program for the benefit of the cemetery and Joanne's part was to cook the birds. One rooster was a rooster when Hoover was president. Took an axe to separate the parts. Oversize. Tough. But when she got him minced up a bit and bogged down in rice in her pressure cooker you can bet some folks could not tell the difference in a hundred years. Another interesting feature of the day was a fat woman's race. I bet Joanne won that. So now all of her friends in Martin County, remember that Joanne loves you.

Captain J. H. Wildman and family are home for a few days from his CCC Camp in Kelton, S. C. We are looking for Rev. A. C. Wildman from Booneville, Ky., Wednesday with his family. They will stay about ten days.

## Former Slave Has Large Family in This County

Tamer Biggs, former slave who lives with her daughter near here, heads one of the largest families in this section, it is believed. The 83-year-old woman raised 14 children of her own and their offspring totals 98. Before the war she was the chattel of the Whitkeys, who lived near Williamston on the Hamilton road. Just a few days ago the clan gathered and gave her a surprise birthday party.

## Tobacco Curing Under Way On Majority County Farms

Tobacco curing is now under way on more than 95 per cent of the farms in Martin County, the farmers, as a whole, reporting fair quality leaf from the cures already completed.

Extremely hot weather last week is said to have damaged the crop to some extent, but cooler weather and rains this week aided additional growth, most of the farmers stating they are

uncertain about the quality of future cures.

As a whole the crop is more advanced this season than last, but there are a few farmers who have unusually late crops in this county.

Opening prices in Georgia next Thursday are being awaited by local farmers with interest, but it is remembered that the prices there and here vary to a marked extent some seasons.

## New Books Received For Schools in County

### All Books in First Seven Grades To Be Furnished by State

### Books Received So Far Are New; Only 2 Exceptions In Entire List

More than 11,000 textbooks were delivered to the Martin County Board of Education this week for free use in the elementary departments of the several schools this coming term. Nearly 7,000 additional copies are expected within the next few weeks, or before the term gets underway on September 2.

All books in the first seven grades of the schools of this county will be furnished free with two exceptions, the educational authorities explaining that new English books for the fourth, fifth, sixth and seventh grades and a new North Carolina history for the sixth grade would be adopted for the 1938-39 term, and that the free distribution of the old books would be limited. Pupils using these books for the first time this coming term will probably find it advisable to pick up second-hand copies of these texts where possible.

The sale of second-hand books for use in the elementary departments of the schools is now almost a thing of the past. The State, showing its great liberality, will furnish them free with few exceptions. Supplementary or books for collateral reading will not be furnished by the state, but it is certain that some of the supplementary books required in the reading program can be found in the school libraries.

All of the books delivered to the county board of education this week are right from the publishing houses, but it is understood that many second-hand texts will be used in the schools.

The distribution of the books to the individual schools will be effected just before the term is opened in early September.

In the high schools, pupils will buy books for their own use, the free texts being made available only to the youngsters in the lower grades.

## Orthopedic Clinic In Tarboro Monday

The Tarboro Rotary Club will conduct its regular orthopedic clinic Monday, July 26, from 9 a. m. to 1 p. m., at the Presbyterian Sunday school building in Tarboro. Private cases may see orthopedist at 2 p. m. The club is anxious to reach all unfortunate cripples who are unable to pay for treatment.

### Local Firemen Get First Call Today In Weeks

The local volunteer firemen were called out at 11 o'clock this morning to check a small grass fire just off South Haughton Street near the W. B. Watts home. No damage was done by the fire, which was brought under control without the use of the fire-fighting equipment.

It was the first call since George Harris succeeded Henry D. Harrison as chief of the department several weeks ago.

### Farm Tour in the County Yesterday Very Successful

Although only a few farmers participated, the farm tour conducted in this county yesterday was considered very successful, those making the trip declaring they found it very instructive as well as entertaining. Various farm tests, including timber thinning projects, were observed in various parts of the county, the approximately 30 farmers spending a greater part of the day making the tour.

## Margin of Profit on Liquor Sales Larger In Second Quarter

### Audit Expected To Show Net Profit In Excess Of \$5,600.00

The second quarter audit for the Martin County Alcoholic Beverages Control Board is expected to show a profit of \$5,605.94 from the sale of liquors during the period, according to advanced information received today from V. J. Spivey, board chairman. The audit will be released within the next few days, it was learned.

In the second quarter of 1936, the board cleared a profit of \$3,425.70, the net income for the recent quarter exceeding that amount by \$2,180.24.

The advance audit release did not show the distribution of sales, profits and expenses by stores. In the second quarter of last year, total sales in the four stores amounted to \$21,584.05 and were divided as follows: Williamston, \$11,762.75; Robersonville, \$4,674; Oak City, \$1,761.85; and Jamesville, \$3,385.45. Second quarter profits for 1937 increased over those for a like period last year by about 61 per cent.

While the increase in profits ranged around 60 per cent, the increase in sales is not believed to have exceeded those of the second quarter last year by more than 35 per cent. The expense for handling the smaller sales was about as great as that for handling the larger sales. The only added expense was an increase of 4 per cent in the State sales tax on May 1.

Despite the opening of liquor stores in near-by counties last quarter, sales in this county continued to gain, Chairman V. J. Spivey stating that he attributed the increase to the strict enforcement of the liquor laws.

The control board is planning to turn over to the county treasurer \$5,605.94 tomorrow, and the several store towns are expected to enter their claims to one-fifth of the profit allowed them by an act passed by the recent state legislature. The distribution of profits by stores has not been determined at this time, but the four towns will receive jointly \$1,121.18. The claim of the towns to share in the first-quarter profits was denied as the law was not passed until late in that period. There is no doubt but that the profit division will be made by the county within the next few days.

## State's Wage Scale Far Below Average

Raleigh—S. F. Campbell, assistant director of the state employment service, said in the department of labor's monthly bulletin, released today, that employees in North Carolina "receive less wages by 33 per cent than the national average wage earner's pay."

"The average annual earnings of the nation's workers are \$1,171.71, as compared to \$785 for the North Carolina worker," Campbell wrote.

"This disparity in wages is all the more striking when you consider the fact that the federal tax on North Carolina production is equivalent to an annual assessment of \$296 upon every gainful worker in the state," continued Campbell, who is in charge of employment service statistics.

"Thus it appears," he said, "that through lower wages or longer hours the worker in North Carolina carries one-seventh of the nation's tax burden on production." In not a single activity is the pay envelope of the North Carolina worker shown to be as heavy as that of his neighbor's in other states, and this disparity reaches into every industry in the state."

### Past Masters' Night At Skewarkey Lodge Tuesday

The awarding of jewels to three past masters will be a feature of the regular meeting of Skewarkey Lodge of Masons here next Tuesday evening at 8 o'clock, it was announced today by lodge officers. Past Master's emblems will be awarded to Messrs. W. C. Manning, S. S. Brown and Dr. James S. Rhodes. Rev. Richard Lucas, blind minister of Plymouth, and Mr. John W. Darden, also of Plymouth, and District Deputy S. Earnhardt Phelps, of Windsor, will make the presentations.

All members of the lodge are urged to attend and visiting Masons are cordially invited.

Strawberry growers of Duplin County who graded and packed their berries properly this season have received from 25 to 50 per cent more in price than for those not so prepared.