

Martins Win Two of Last Three; Big Day For Fans Tuesday

Continue in Second Place With Healthy Lead Over The Tarboro Serpents

Art Hauger's baseballers tightened their grasp on second place in the Coastal Plain loop these past few days and are holding to the middle ground, with the Snow Hill Billies leading by five games and Tarboro trailing the Martins by four and a half contests. About the only change in the team standings came when New Bern forged ahead of Ayden to get into the first division, the teams of Tarboro, New Bern, Ayden, and Goldsboro continuing in a close group, making it uncertain just who will be in the running week after next when the season ends.

Well, the local fans had their day this week, the old masters giving them one that was made exactly to order, and so greatly was it enjoyed that many of the old diamond rooters—especially those in the right-field bleachers—consider the season a great success even if the Martins fail to win another game. Monday and Tuesday, Williamston lost two games to Snow Hill over in the Greene County metropolis, and when the two league-leading outfits met here Wednesday, tension was close to the breaking point. For six innings, the Martins were held hitless and scoreless by Joyce, but in the first half of the sixth things changed their color and an ideal setting for a victory was laid. Manager Peashead Walker, protesting when Umpire Cone called a strike on Latham, received his walking orders. The verbal exchange was heated, and the visiting manager wandered from the field with apparent great reluctance, to the great glee of the cash customers.

Fields held the Billies to 5 hits and fanned 8. The visitors scored their lone run in the second on a walk and a double by Bistoff. Victoria started things for the locals in the seventh with a single, but prior to that time he had been robbed of a hit over second base. Hits by Victoria, Fields, Earp and Victoria netted three runs and gave the Martins a 3-1 win. Stanley and Lakatos featured a hit over second base to start a double play.

Over in Snow Hill the day before Wade pitched a good game, allowing the Billies 8 hits, but the boys brought home a 5-2 loss. The hits were about evenly distributed among the Martins, 7 of the 9 going to the plate getting a hit apiece, including one for circuit by McCay.

In Tarboro yesterday afternoon, Snake Henry's Serpents staged a dangerous ninth inning rally, but fell one short and lost to the Martins by a 6-5 count. Rollins gave up 10 hits, but kept them well scattered, the Martins again about evenly dividing honors with the stick for the second time this week.

A pre-series climax is expected here Sunday at 3 o'clock, when Mr. Walker and his Billies meet the Martins for their fifth game between the two clubs in seven days.

New Jurists Will Hold Court Here

Clawson Williams, of Sanford, and Judge Walter J. Bone, of Nashville, were announced this week by the governor's office, and Judge Bone will preside over the regular two weeks term of Martin County Superior Court convening the third Monday in next month. Judge Williams was also scheduled to preside over the special two weeks term of the Martin court in November, but another exchange was effected and Judge W. H. S. Burgwyn, of Woodland, is scheduled to preside over that term.

Judge Bone and Judge Burgwyn were only recently appointed to the bench by Governor Hoey. Last week Judge Bone was in this county for a special hearing, but he makes his first appearance in the Martin courts as a trial judge next month. The November visit will be first in this county for Judge Burgwyn as a member of the superior court bench.

Son of Mr. and Mrs. Watts Reported Better in Hospital

John Watts, young son of Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Watts, is recovering from a serious illness in a Washington hospital and is expected home shortly. The youth fell and hurt his knee causing an infection, and his condition was considered serious for several days.

Expect Additional Old-Age Benefit Checks in Few Days

No additional old-age assistance checks have been received in this county since the early part of this week when 12 pension payments, totalling around \$104, were made to the aged by the welfare department. The welfare department explained, however, that 36 more old-age assistance checks and four to dependent blind persons and six to dependent mothers are expected shortly. No estimate of the total amount to be released under the social security program in this county

during the month of July was given, but the program cost will approximate \$500, it is thought, the county paying about one-fourth and the State and Federal governments paying the remainder.

Nearly 40 applications for aid are pending in the office of the county welfare department at the present time, and additional applications will be received the latter part of this month. Those dependents who had their applications approved before this week will participate in the benefits as of the month of July.

SIX NEW BUSES

Six new buses are being added to the county school transportation system this term. It is possible that one or two buses will be added to the six that are being delivered today, but county school authorities could not be reached for definite information.

County Superintendent J. C. Manning and six drivers are in Raleigh today, and they will return this afternoon with the new buses. Just where the new trucks will be used could not be learned.

Mrs. Jos. F. Martin Dies Early Today At Home of Sister

Funeral Services Will Be Held Sunday Afternoon From Late Home

Mrs. Cottie Holliday Martin, wife of Mr. Jos. F. Martin, member of the Martin County Board of Education and prominent citizen of Jamesville Township, died at the home of her sister, Mrs. Jno. E. Sexton, in Washington this morning at 9:40 o'clock. She had suffered with rheumatism for more than six years, and had been an invalid during the greater part of the past two years. Complications developed and during the past fourteen weeks she was confined to her bed.

The daughter of Mr. T. Jeff Holliday and the late Mrs. Margaret Godard Holliday, Mrs. Martin was born in Jamesville Township 49 years ago the 28th of this month. She was a thoughtful and understanding mother and wife, devoting willingly her time and attention to the comfort of her family. Mrs. Martin was a member of the Popular Chapel church a greater part of her life, and was held in high esteem by all who knew her.

Besides her husband she is survived by ten children, Mrs. E. E. Warrington, Misses Bertie, Grace, Esther, and Lucille Martin, and Joseph, Edward Lee, Albert, Bill and Thomas Martin, all of Jamesville. She also leaves one brother, Mr. Wilmer J. Holliday, of Jamesville, and four sisters, Mrs. Eva Daw, Mrs. L. W. Mizelle, Mrs. Roxana Smithwick, all of Jamesville, and Mrs. Jno. E. Sexton, of Washington.

Funeral services will be held at the late home Sunday afternoon at 3 o'clock by Rev. D. W. Arnold, of Washington, and Rev. W. B. Harrington, Baptist minister of this county. Interment will follow in the family plot on the home farm.

New Town Boys Win Two Games from Old Rivals

Executing a triple play, the New Town baseball team defeated the Old Town boys last Tuesday, 8 to 7, and went on to register a 11-10 victory that afternoon over their old rivals.

Roberson, pitching the winners, allowed only four hits. Spruill did the receiving. Godwin and Wynne formed the Old Town battery.

In the afternoon game, both teams shared batting honors with nine hits each. Edmondson and Ward formed the batteries for New Town. The losers pitched Eagan, Hall and Sullivan with Wynne behind the bat.

Might Test Hamilton's Blue Laws Next Sunday

While it is possible that the recently enacted Hamilton blue laws will be tested there next Sunday, no plans as far as it could be learned here, have been made to get the matter into the courts.

It was unofficially learned a few days ago that legal advice would be sought, and that the test would be made, but no developments in this connection have followed, it is understood.

Mrs. Emma Wentz Godwin Died Last Wednesday Here

Funeral Services Are Being Held at Late Home This Afternoon at 4 o'Clock

Mrs. Emma Wentz Godwin, one of Williamston's oldest and most highly respected citizens, died at her home on West Main Street here last Wednesday afternoon at 2:50 o'clock following a long period of declining health. She was able to be up, and was active in her home until just a short while before her death, however.

Mrs. Godwin was born in Washington County 77 years ago, the daughter of the late Adam Clark and Elizabeth Jane Wentz, both of whom were prominent people of this section of the state. In early womanhood she was married to Ben Franklin Godwin, who was for years prominent in the political life of the town and county. He died several years ago. Following their marriage, Mr. and Mrs. Godwin located in Williamston about 37 years ago and she has made her home here since that time. Mrs. Godwin centered her interest in her family and home, and was held in high regard by all who knew her.

She is survived by five sons, Lewis W. Godwin, of Farmville, Dr. Grover C. Godwin, of Hines, Ill.; Commander Donald C. Godwin, of the United States Navy, with headquarters now at Annapolis, Md.; Chas. H. Godwin, Sr., and Vernon D. Godwin, both of Williamston. She also leaves one brother, A. N. Wentz, of Roper, and nine grandchildren.

Funeral services will be conducted at the home this afternoon at 4 o'clock by Revs. J. H. Smith, of the Baptist Church, and E. F. Moseley, of the Church of the Advent. Interment will follow in the family plot in the local cemetery.

Personnel of Bear Grass Faculty Has Been Completed

All Positions Vacated by Resignations Have Been Filled

All positions made vacant by resignations have been filled and the personnel of the Bear Grass faculty was announced complete this week by Principal T. O. Hickman, following a recent meeting of the local committee. The committee, Messrs. C. U. Rogers, Wheeler-Rogers, and Henry D. Peel, was reported to be well pleased with the teaching personnel for the term that gets underway next month, and the principal is looking forward to a successful year.

Four new appointments were made to fill the positions made vacant by resignation.

The names of the faculty members and their home addresses are:

First grade: Miss Virginia Shindler, of Indiana and Greenville.

Second grade: Miss Doris Jenkins, of Robersonville.

Third grade: Miss Frances House, of Robersonville.

Fourth grade: Miss Ruby Malone, of Williamston.

Fifth grade: Miss Annie Mae Davis, of Rocky Mount.

Sixth grade: Miss Carrie Bell Warren, of Robersonville.

Seventh grade: Miss Louise Paschall, of Reidsville. Miss Paschal just recently left the county for her home, she having assisted in the Presbyterian Daily Vacation Bible Schools.

High School: French and English, Miss Annie Belle Hollowell, of Elizabeth City; history and science, McIver Vann, of Hartsville. S. C.; principal, Professor T. O. Hickman.

Club Boys and Girls Plan Encampment

Around 70 Martin County 4-H club boys and girls are planning to vacation at the state club headquarters at White Lake, in Columbus County, on August 30-September 4, it was announced today. The vacation breaks into two days of the county school term, but leaves of absence will be granted the club members, it was officially announced by the county school head, who explained the absences would not be counted against the pupils, if certain requirements are met.

Last year about 38 boys attended camp from this county, and the combined encampment this season will see nearly 70 Martin boys and girls at White Lake.

Border Market Prices Bring Hope To Farmers in County

Tobacco prices in the border belt continue to hold around the quarter mark as the first week of marketing draws to a close here today. The reports from the 16 markets that opened last Tuesday are giving encouragement to Martin County farmers, and the marketing activities point to an encouraging season in this belt. The striking feature of the reports centers around stronger prices for the medium and poorer grades, local farmers advised of the price

trend, stating that they were well pleased because every farmer shares in the returns if prices are strong for the medium and inferior grades.

Reports from the border have added interest here, as warehousemen and tobacconists continue their plans for opening the Williamston market next Thursday week. Plans for a great season are well underway and market operators and farmers are looking forward to selling activities with a renewed hope.

Half Dozen Actions Tried in Recorder's Court Last Monday

Session Again Draws Comparatively Very Few Spectators

Half dozen cases were called in the county recorder's court last Monday by Judge H. O. Peel, none of the actions attracting much attention from the general public. Attorney Robert L. Coburn prosecuted the docket.

The case charging Ronald Crawford with drunken driving was not prosed.

Charged with indecent exposure, Gale Hillyard failed to answer when called and judgment absolute on bond was directed by the court.

Fernando Williams, charged with being drunk and disorderly and damaging property, pleaded guilty to the first count. The plea was accepted by the state and Judge Peel fined him \$10, added the costs and directed the defendant to replace a window light in the mayor's office in Jamesville.

Charged with operating a disorderly house, Paul Hoggard was sentenced to the roads for three months, sentence to begin at the direction of the court at any time within the next two years.

Hoggard was a defendant in a second case charging him and Juanita Frier with fornication and adultery. The two were sentenced jail for three months, the sentences to begin at the direction of the court at any time within the next two years.

Clarence Gregory, charged with reckless driving, was fined \$25 and taxed with the cost.

Number Apply for Job at Teacherage

The Farm Life school committee is reviewing nearly 50 applications and the members are expected to make an appointment immediately to fill the position made vacant by the resignation of Rev. and Mrs. W. B. Harrington as operators of the teacherage there.

Received by the county board of education this week, the applications for the position were turned over immediately to the local committee, but as far as it could be learned today no appointments have been made.

Rev. and Mrs. Harrington rendered an untiring service to the school there during the past several years, but they considered a change was advisable and they moved into their old home in the community recently.

Professor C. B. Martin, principal of the school there, said this week that arrangements were virtually complete for starting the term the 2nd of next month, with the exception of employing operators for the teacherage.

Gus White, Attack Victim, Reported Slightly Better

Gus White, local colored man who was knocked in the head with a piece of iron at his home on lower Main Street last Saturday night, was reported slightly improved in a Washington hospital today. The man's condition continues critical, however.

His eyesight gone, and his mind apparently affected, there is doubt now if White will ever be able to offer an acceptable account of the mysterious attack. One report stated that the man had to be tied to hold him on the bed, that about two nights ago he wandered from his room and was found in the hospital cellar.

Miles Grimes, who was accused by White as his attacker, continues in jail, officers stating today that no new evidence had been uncovered in the case.

Several Tobacco Barns Destroyed By Fire This Week

Williamston Fire Company Answers Call To Farm Near Everetts

Fire destroyed four tobacco barns, one on Bud Mobley's farm in Cross Roads Township, one on the White farm of Mr. J. T. Barnhill, near Everetts, one on R. C. Roebuck's farm in Robersonville Township, and one on Mack Davis's farm in Jamesville Township, last Tuesday, the barn losses being the first reported in the county this season. As far as it could be learned, no insurance was carried by the owners, and the losses were complete, including several hundred sticks of choice tobacco in each barn.

A shelter connected the burning barn with another on the White farm, and for a short time the fire threatened to consume the connecting shelter and spread to the second barn and possibly to a packhouse and other buildings. Workers were harvesting tobacco just a few yards away when the fire started in this barn, but they were unable to stop it. The Williamston fire company answered a call there, but the fire had almost burned itself out and the other buildings were out of danger when the firemen reached there.

Protest Changes in School Bus Routes

School patrons of the Macedonia community will protest the changes recently ordered by the State School Commission in bus routes in that community, it was learned here today. County school officials could not be reached for a statement, but it was unofficially learned that several prominent citizens of the Macedonia community petitioned the board chairman late yesterday for a hearing, and that a meeting of the county school authorities would be held here next Monday, when the matter will be discussed.

The recent change in the routing of the buses in that community was considered several years ago, but patrons provided private transportation, and the 20 or 25 pupils there continued to attend the Williamston school.

It was intimated by at least one of the patrons that he would provide, if necessary, private transportation for his children to the Williamston school.

Town Board Will Hold Meet Tonight

The special meeting of the local town commissioners scheduled to have been held last Wednesday night was postponed on account of the death of Mrs. Emma Godwin, mother of Commissioner Vernon D. Godwin. Mayor John L. Hassell announcing today that plans were being considered for holding the twice postponed meeting tonight at 8 o'clock.

According to the mayor no action will be taken at the meeting tonight in connection with setting a tax rate for the current fiscal year. A brief review of the proposed budget will possibly be made, but action in connection with establishing the tax rate will hardly be taken before the regular meeting to be held next month.

Routine matters will be handled and possibly a delegation from the tobacco board of trade will be heard at the meeting tonight, the mayor said. Commissioners G. H. Harrison and N. C. Green are out of town today and are not expected to be present at the meeting, it was learned.

Desperado Sent Up From Here Leader In Break From Pen

Two of Eight Escapees Are Recaptured Early Today Near Raleigh

Eight long-term prisoners, believed to have been led by Worth R. (Tick) Proctor, the man who was sentenced to prison for 8 to 10 years in this county back in 1934 for the robbery of the Harrison Wholesale Company store, escaped from the central prison in Raleigh late yesterday by tunneling under the wall.

Two of the prisoners, Carl McKnight, serving a 12-to-16 year term, and Norman Hart, serving a 30-year term, were recaptured eight miles out of Raleigh this morning. Commandeering a car from a state hospital employee, the six other men are thought to be traveling south. The car stolen in Raleigh by the convicts was abandoned near Fort Bragg, and two cars were stolen in Fayetteville last night, officers believing Proctor and his companions stole the machines and continued south.

Local and county officers were on duty all last night to guard against a jail delivery here. It was thought possible that the convicts would come here and attempt to free a brother-in-law of one of the escapees from the jail. The six convicts who drove away and left the other two, traveled as far east as Rocky Mount, but there they turned south.

Proctor was one of a five-man gang who robbed the Harrison Wholesale Company store here in 1933. One of them, Coley Cain, was killed in South Carolina last year after he had escaped from the prison. T. C. Poole is said to be serving a sentence in New Jersey. Joe Berry is serving his term in this state, and George Bailey has completed his sentence.

Proctor, also convicted in other counties for robberies, was serving a combined sentence of nearly 30 years. He threatened the life of Sheriff C. B. Roebuck several times, and just recently sent word that he would get him.

Two Positions Yet Unfilled in Faculty

Officials continue to meet with much difficulty in filling all positions made vacant in the local faculty by the resignations of several teachers, but it was learned today that all appointments would be effected, probably late tomorrow, that several applications had been considered and acceptance was being awaited in the two positions yet unfilled.

Miss Martha Layton, of Lillington, who accepted a place in the high school history department on condition that her resignation was accepted by Oxford school officials, advised the local board yesterday that she would be unable to accept, that her resignation was not accepted at Oxford.

In the meantime, two resignations are pending in two other schools in the county, unofficial reports stating that the resignations are not likely to be accepted at his late date.

Experts Installing Radio Equipment

Technical experts are here this week completing arrangements for placing in operation the local North Carolina Highway Patrol radio station the latter part of this or early next month. The work will be completed sometime during next week, it was learned.

C. D. Cavanaugh, former member of the highway patrol, arrived this week to make his home here as chief radio operator for the Williamston station. Mr. Cavanaugh was trained in the University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill. His home is in Jacksonville, N. C., but until recently he was located in Wilson. The names of his two assistants have not been made public.

Soil Surveys Moving Along Rapidly in Martin County

Field surveys are progressing rapidly in connection with the soil conservation program in most of the ten townships in this county, reports stating that the supervisors would probably complete their work early next week.

Machinery for checking compliance is operating smoothly in the office of the county agent, it was said.