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Martins Lose First Two Games in Semi Finals To Tarboro

Will Make Strong Bid Today To Gain Place in the Little World Series

Dropping the first two by counts of 12-0 and 6-3, the Martins today enter the third contest in the Coastal Plain semi-finals this afternoon with their backs to the wall. The Martins are meeting a determined opposition, and even though they face Snake Henry's Tarboro Serpents without a leg to stand on there is some reason to believe that the first round in post-season play is not over. Weather permitting the Serpents and Art Hauger's boys meet on the Tarboro lot this afternoon at 3:30 o'clock.

It was a tough day over in Tarboro Sunday when the Serpents struck to land 15 hits, four for extra bases, and score 12 runs. After shaking the bag for about two hours, the Martins found two hits, one each by Stanley and McCay, but no runs. Mooney held down the mound for Tarboro, while Jefferson, Strunk and Fields took turns in the box for Williamston. Errors marred the contest, but they carried no weight in deciding the turn of victory. Henry opened the first game with a single in the second, and Tatum homered, the 12-run attack taking definite form right then. Two hits and two walks netted two more runs for the Serpents in the fourth. Four hits, two free tickets to first and two errors featured a big blow-up in the fifth and Tarboro scored 7 runs. Williamston fans started leaving for home. The Serpents rested after scoring another run in the sixth.

Big Jim Rollins pitched on even terms with Big Bob Cassell yesterday afternoon on the local lot, but uncertain playing gave the visitors a 6-3 victory. The Martins scored a lone run in the third, but the Serpents tied the count in the fourth and went on a spurge in the sixth and pushed over four runs. Rimmer opened with a home run over the right field fence, the first to go over that barrier this season. Snake Henry singled but was forced at second by Campbell. Jim Tatum took first when hit by a pitched ball. Campbell scored on Lehman's single, and about that time another blow-up was recorded. The visitors based four runs on as many hits, an error and a hit batsman. Williamston added a run in the fifth and Villepeque's homer ended the scoring in the next frame. Tarboro scored its sixth and last run in the ninth. Cassell yielded nine hits, fanned five. Rollins yielded 10 hits and fanned six.

Board Refuses To Reverse Stand On Bus Route Change

School Patrons In Macedonia Area To Provide Private Travel for Children

The Martin County Board of Education in special session here yesterday again approved a proposed change in the routing of school buses in the Macedonia section of Bear Grass and Griffins Townships, denying about 23 pupils free transportation to the Williamston school. Under the proposed change, the State School commission offers free transportation for the approximately 23 children to the schools at Bear Grass and Farm Life, a plan, it has been found that will save no expense and one that is contrary to the wishes of the parents of those children who are affected by the proposed change.

Reliable reports coming from those parents in the section bordering the territory of the three schools—Williamston, Bear Grass and Farm Life—state that private transportation will be provided, that the children will continue to attend the Williamston school. The State School commission determines the bus routes, but any child has a right to attend any school he wishes by providing his own transportation to a school other than that designated by the school authorities, it was learned today.

Only four board members, Messrs. G. C. Griffin, J. D. Woolard, J. W. Eubanks and E. H. Ange, were present for the meeting. It was pointed out that the trend apparently would prove costly to the smaller schools, especially Bear Grass. Those opposing the change pointed out that the children had been attending the Williamston school since 1933 and that no pupils were actually being shifted from the other two schools to the plant at Williamston.

Presence of Tuberculosis Cases Causing Concern in Oak City

The reported presence of about eleven active cases of tuberculosis in the Oak City community is causing much concern there, and it was unofficially learned that the county health authorities will be asked the latter part of this week to make investigations. While the people there are anxious for a study of the existing conditions, the presence of so many cases of tuberculosis in such a comparatively small community is not causing any great alarm, it was learned.

According to information reaching here most of the cases are outside the school population, and authorities are certain that the opening of the term Thursday will not aggravate the situation. However, they are anxious that conditions

both in the community and in the school be investigated, and it is believed that a survey will relieve much of the anxiety existing there. Reliable reports on the actual number of cases there are in the Oak City community will probably be placed before the county board of health in special session the latter part of this week or earlier, if possible. It is expected that the county authorities will ask the services of State health men and suggest that an investigation of conditions be made as soon as possible. Information reaching here from Oak City indicates that an investigation will be welcomed, and that the people, school and county health group will render any assistance possible.

District W.P.A. Offices To Close Here Today

FARM MEETING

The annual meeting of the Martin County Farm Bureau federation will be held in the agricultural building in Williamston on Friday night of this week at 8 o'clock when important farm topics will be discussed. E. F. Arnold, secretary of the State Bureau Federation, and others are expected to attend the meeting and lead the discussions.

Business of the session will center around peanut surplus corporation loans and loans on cotton. The meeting is open to all farmers, and it is believed that they will find it profitable to attend.

New Series Building & Loan Association To Open This Week

Present Indications Point To Largest Stock Subscription In History of Association

Opening its 40th stock series on Saturday of this week, the Martin County Building and Loan Association is expecting one of its largest share sales in a number of years. Several hundred shares have already been spoken for, it was learned today from one of the officers, and more people are planning to participate in the saving plan than in some time.

Recognized as one of the community's biggest assets, the building and loan association has had a prominent part in financing the construction of new homes here during the past few years. In addition to its activities in financing construction projects, the association has effected a healthy influence on thrift and savings. Probably no other agency or combined agencies have done more to make possible the extensive home and business expansion program here during the past few years. The organization's savings plan has meant a great deal to the small wage earner. The investor has received a sizable and certain dividend on his stock, and few investments offer a greater return today than building and loan stock.

The fortieth stock series remains open only a short time, and those who plan to finance the construction of a home or participate in the association's splendid saving plan should make arrangements to place their orders for shares immediately.

Tobacco Barn Destroyed by Fire Near Parmele Monday

Farmer John Dixon, one of the county's oldest tobacco growers, lost his first barn of tobacco by fire at Parmele Monday night. Neighbors rushed to the fire and prevented its spread to other buildings. The barn loss last night was the eighth or ninth reported in the county this season.

Officer Wrecks Two Liquor Plants in Bear Grass Area

Raiding in the Bear Grass area last week-end, Officer J. H. Roebuck tore up two liquor plants and destroyed 1,100 gallons of beer and ten gallons of liquor. The officer could find only one of the two ketles. No one was at the stills when the raids were made.

Sixteen Employees To Be Retained In New Office Setup

About Thirty Workers Will Be Transferred To Raleigh And Area Offices Later

The district office of the Works Progress Administration established here just a year ago is being closed today, Director Lee Wallace stating that the action was part of an economy move that is being advanced throughout the State. One of twelve area offices will be maintained here, however, with Mr. E. L. Winslow, assistant director to Mr. Wallace during the past year, in charge of administrative operations. Mr. Winslow will be assisted by R. B. Riddick, as office engineer, and Miss Mary Capehart as clerk.

The new administrative setup reduces the personnel in the office from 45 to 16. Director Wallace explained that a number would be transferred to other area offices and that the services of a few would be discontinued. Mrs. I. P. Hodges will supervise the division of women's and professional projects in areas one and two with headquarters in Williamston. She will have as her assistants, Misses Christine Ross, Mary Walter and Mrs. Lucille Purser. Harold B. Hargett heads the employment department, and he will have as his assistants, Misses Ruth Ward, Pauline Dewey, Marena Handy and Virginia Shaw. Mrs. J. Melvin Warner is associate supervisor of this department. Clarence Bloat is the area timekeeper and F. E. Smothers and Ben Eaton continue here as safety engineer and compensation officer, respectively.

Director Lee Wallace has been promoted to the position of field engineer and representative for the organization in the State. For the present his work will be centered in areas one, two and three. G. L. Bobbitt and O. M. Carpenter will be transferred to the Raleigh office and W. O. Pratt goes to New Bern as supervisor of operations in area three. Miss Hannah Ireland has also been transferred to the New Bern office. Other employees in the district office here will probably be transferred to area offices following their vacations.

Director Wallace, announcing the changes today, expressed regret that the economy move necessitated the elimination of the district offices, and added that he and his office personnel had found their stay in Williamston very pleasant.

Bus Drivers To Hold Meeting Wednesday

Thirty-four school buses will be delivered to drivers here tomorrow morning at 10 o'clock for use in transporting around 1,000 children to and from the several schools in the county during the term opening Thursday. Six new buses are being added to the fleet in the county, and the 28 others have been reconditioned in the county school garage during the past few months.

Drivers will be given examinations by members of the State Highway patrol in the county courthouse and authorities will offer driving instructions and explain the various routes. Very few changes have been made in the routes, and the transportation system activities are expected to function smoothly from the start.

Hunting Licenses Go On Sale in County; Seasons Announced

No Open Season on Beaver, Doe Deer, Fox Squirrel, Elk and Otter

Hunting licenses were placed on sale at convenient points over the county a few days ago by Warden Bill Abbott preparatory for the opening of the new hunting season a few weeks from now. The Woolard and Williamston Hardware Companies in Williamston, J. S. Ayers in Everetts, A. E. Smith Hardware Co. in Robersonville, Salsbury Supply Co. in Hassell, Asa Johnson, Hamilton, G. W. Barrett in Oak City, Garland Anderson in Jamesville and Jordan's store in Dardens are handling the sale of the licenses, Warden Abbott announced.

Open seasons for various game in this section are:

"Bear: limit two per day—two per season, October 1 to January 1.
"Deer: (male) limit one a day, three per season, October 1 to January 1.

"Opossum, raccoon, mink, musk-dogs only) no bag limit, October 1 to February 1.

"Opossum, raccoon (with gun or rat (trapping) no bag limit, November 1 to February 15, except in Currituck and Dare Counties, where the season is December 1 to March 1. Trappers may tend traps only during daylight hours.

"Quail: limit of 10 a day, 150 per season. Rabbit: no bag limit, November 20 to February 15.

"Ruffed grouse: limit two per day, 10 per season, November 20 to December 15.

"Squirrel: limit 10 per day, no season limit, October 1 to January 15. There is no open season on fox squirrels.

"Turkey: limit one per day, three per season, November 20 to February 15.
"There will be no open season on beaver, buffalo, doe deer, elk, fox squirrel, otter and all other protected birds and animals for which no open season is provided.

There is no protection for the English sparrow, great horned owl, cooper's hawk, sharp shinned hawk, crow, jay, blackbird, starling, buzzard, wildcat, weasel and skunk.

Regulations covering: dove, ducks, geese, sora, rail, snipe, woodcock, gallinule and other migratory birds are set by the U. S. Biological survey.

Two other provisions of the regulations should be especially noted, according to game warden Abbott.

"It is unlawful to trap or hunt within 500 yards of high water of any stream during a flood period.
"It is unlawful for any guide to accompany any person while hunting unless the hunter is equipped with the proper license.

In addition to these provisions which apply to Martin County there are certain exceptions which should be investigated by those who plan to hunt or fish in some of the other counties of the state, according to Mr. Abbott.

Regulations of the U. S. Biological Survey, covering migratory waterfowl set the following bag limits and open seasons:

"Ducks and geese, November 27 to December 28; Wilson Snipe, Jack-snipe, coot, November 27 to December 28; rails, gallinules, sora, marsh hens, September 1 to November 30; woodcock, December 1 to December 31; doves (September 15 to October 15 and December 20 to January 31. Ducks, ten; geese, five; rails and gallinules, 15; sora, 15; coots, 25; snipe, 15; woodcock, 4; and doves, 15.

There is no open season on sodd-duck, ruddy duck, buffhead duck, redhead duck, canvasback duck, brant, ross's geese, swan and duck geese.

Cotton Growers To Get 9-Cent Loans

Washington, Aug. 30.—The Commodity Credit corporation today fixed the government loan value of cotton, basis 7-8 inch middling, at nine cents per pound, and Secretary of Agriculture Wallace prepared to make subsidy payments up to three cents a pound to producers on at least 65 per cent of their base production, to bring their returns to 12 cents per pound.

Both the making of the loans and the payment of price adjustments are to be conditioned upon compliance by the beneficiaries "with a 1938 agricultural program to be formulated under legislation" pledged by the Congress, to be enacted under the terms of the so-called Bilbo resolution adopted in the closing days of the past session.

Over 3,000 Children Expected at Reopening of Ten County White School Units Thursday Morning

Sales on Local Tobacco Mart Total Half-Million Pounds

The Williamston Tobacco Market, opening last Thursday, has sold approximately half-million pounds to date with prices holding to about the same level established on opening day. Following the big block last week, the market the first two days of this week has handled close to 50,000 pounds daily, observers stating that prices, while not as high as many had hoped for, were holding up very well.

There is possibly a higher trend for the medium grades, but very little tobacco is selling above 30 cents, some few piles

commanding \$40. Farmers state they are finding their sales on the Williamston market very satisfactory, and the indications are stronger than ever that the local market is in line for one of its most successful seasons in many years.

Late harvesting work has delayed the marketing activities so far this week, but large sales are predicted for Thursday and Friday of this week and during all of next week. Many farmers only completed their harvesting work in this section last week, and quite a number are just getting their tips in the curing barns this week.

Slight Increases in Enrollment Looked For by Authorities

No Formal Programs Have Been Planned in Any Of the Schools

Arrangements were announced complete today by the office of the county superintendent for opening the ten white schools in the county on Thursday morning of this week. The ten schools starting the term are, Jamesville, Farm Life, Bear Grass, Williamston, Everetts, Robersonville, Gold Point, Hassell, Oak City, and Hamilton.

No formal exercises have been announced to mark the opening of any of the schools, the principals explaining that the first work of the term will center around registrations and book and lesson assignments. The public is cordially invited to attend the first day exercises, and parents will aid registration work by accompanying their children who are entering school for the first time.

Last year, 3,381 children enrolled in the ten white schools the first day, school authorities stating that possibly a slight increase will follow in the opening-day figures this term. About 3,000 additional pupils will be in school when the colored plants begin the term a week later.

Thirty-four reconditioned and new school buses will be delivered to high school drivers tomorrow morning. Faculty meetings will be held tomorrow afternoon and evening when program plans for the year will be discussed. Free text books for pupils in the first seven grades have been delivered, school authorities pointing out that there should be little or no delay in placing in effect regular daily schedules this term.

Commenting on the opening outlook this term, Professor D. N. Hix, local principal, stated that the Williamston schools are beginning the year with the largest faculty in history, the addition of a commercial teacher bringing the total number to twenty-three. No large increase in the opening-day enrollment figures is predicted over those of last term, the school man stating that approximately 800 pupils will enroll in the elementary and high schools here that day. Mr. Hix estimated that 75 beginners will enroll, or about the same number beginning the term during the past two years.

Seven graduates of this and other high schools in the county have already enrolled for instruction in the newly created commercial department here, Mr. Hix explaining that they will attend classes from 9 to 12. Seniors will be admitted to commercial classes each afternoon, but the courses of study in the department will not be open to juniors this year. The tuition fee for commercial instruction is \$2 a month.

Last year the ten white county schools reported the enrollments, as follows:

	1936-37	H.S. Ele.	Total
Jamesville	96	317	415
Farm Life	58	150	208
Bear Grass	57	247	304
Williamston	210	578	788
Everetts	249	249	498
Robersonville	255	368	623
Gold Point	74	74	148
Hassell	51	51	102
Oak City	145	260	405
Hamilton	167	167	334
Totals	823	2,461	3,284

Respected Colored Man Falls Dead at Home Here Monday

Fran Scott, highly respected local colored man, dropped dead at his home, near Skewarkey, last evening about 8 o'clock. He was leaving his home to go for some ice for a sick child, and fell just as he started out the steps, it was said.

He leaves his wife and a large number of children.

Williamston Beauty Shop Moves To New Location

The Williamston Beauty Shop, Miss Carrie Whitford, proprietress, has moved from the Geo. Reynolds Hotel building to the newly renovated quarters over Lamm's Pressing club.

Willie W. Gardner, Williams Farmer, Ends Life Saturday

Brooding Over Financial and Other Troubles, Man Uses Gun To Kill Self

Willis W. Gardner, Williams Township farmer, shot and fatally wounded himself at his home in the island section here last Saturday afternoon about 3:30 o'clock. A large hole torn through his right breast and his shoulder partly blown off by the load of shot, Gardner died at 3 o'clock the following morning in a Washington hospital. He was about 43 years old.

Said to have brooded much of late over adverse financial conditions, Gardner first threatened the lives of members of his family, but they got the gun away from him. A short time later he recovered the gun, went to the living room, sat down in a chair and fired the load of shot into his chest just as a daughter ran to him. Robt. Parrish, a neighbor, went to the home about that time and Gardner asked him for another shell so he could "make a good job of it." He remained conscious for several hours.

He was the son of Mrs. Robert Gardner and the late Mr. Gardner, and had lived in Williams Township all his life. Besides his mother, he leaves his wife and several children and several brothers and sisters.

Funeral services were conducted in the Fairview Christian Church Monday afternoon at 2:30 o'clock by Rev. D. W. Arnold. Interment was in the family plot in Williams township.

Mayor J. L. Hassell Has Busy Week-end

After a long period of little activity in his court, Justice J. L. Hassell reported a busy week-end following the completion of the trial of a fifth case yesterday. The judgments reflect healthy financial conditions in this section, the mayor imposing fines totalling \$100. One defendant was fined \$50, the trial justice explaining that it was the largest fine he had ever imposed during his 12 years experience as a magistrate.

Walter Biggs, charged with operating an automobile with improper lights, was fined \$10 and taxed with the costs.

Jasper Cowan was fined \$10 and taxed with the costs in the case charging him with operating a car with improper brakes.

Arthur and Jack Oakley, the two young men who engaged in a free-for-all on East Main Street a few nights ago, were fined \$10 each and taxed with the costs.

Charged with operating an automobile without state licenses, Perlie Ange was fined \$10 and costs.

Newton Argabrite, charged with disorderly conduct, was fined \$50 and taxed with the cost.

Legion Auxiliary To Meet With Mrs. W. P. Harris

The regular monthly meeting of the John Walter Hassell Post of the American Legion Auxiliary will be held Saturday afternoon, September 4, at 3:30 o'clock in the home of Mrs. W. P. Harris, near Robersonville. A good attendance is requested.