

Third Straight Loss Forces Martins Out Of Pennant Running

Home Runs Prove To Be Deciding Factor In The Semi-Finals

The curtain was suddenly dropped on Williamston's baseball season last Tuesday afternoon when Tarboro won a third straight victory in the first round leading up to the Coastal Plain's little world series. And now for baseball fans hereabouts it is all over but the shouting, and there's been little or no shouting done. Most everyone is agreed that there's been enough baseball for one season here, and no lot of tears have been shed because the Martins flew into winter quarters suddenly overnight and without warning.

Fred Henry, Tarboro's no longer the youngest manager-player in professional ball, did a good job in putting the Martins on their winter roost. He homered in the first inning to gain a marginal victory and feature the 3 to 1 scoring count. The Serpents held the edge only in home runs, the Martins playing them on equal terms in all other departments. Wade, working his last time on the mound for the Martins in the post-season play, allowed only five hits in six innings, and the team played errorless ball. Deim, Stanley, McCay, Villepique and Wade each accounted for one hit but they netted only one run. The Martins were all washed up when the game was called on account of rain in the seventh.

Tarboro exhibited super fielding during the contest and warded off several scoring threats, and what might have followed had the game continued its full time no one will ever know.

The season ended, the local club started disbanding the next day, and already fans of the past season are fast forgetting all about baseball.

All players have been paid in full, but the final settlement left several players with insufficient money to pay their fares home. Individual donations were offered, and the nearly-stranded group moved out late Wednesday night. Manager R. H. Goodman stated today that all accounts have not been received, that he estimated the club would face a deficit of approximately \$150. This amount will be paid, he added.

Henry D. Hardison Resigns As Forest Warden This Week

To Become Effective As Soon As Successor Is Named

Henry D. Hardison, head of the forest protection service in this county since the department was created about two years ago, severed his connection with the work last Tuesday. Mr. Hardison's resignation is to become effective just as soon as his successor is named, it was learned.

Mr. Hardison during the past two years effected a smooth-working forest protection service. A splendid cooperation was given him by the district wardens, and under his direction the program has proved highly successful.

Three applications have already been filed with the State forestry department for the position, but the appointment will not be made until the county commissioners make certain recommendations, possibly at the next Monday meeting. It was unofficially learned that Messrs. W. O. Peel, of Bear Grass; Marvin Leggett, of Griffins; and Stuart Tetterton, of Williams, had entered their applications for the job. Thomas Manning, at present serving as towerman in Griffins Township for the department, is circulating a petition this week in support of his application which he will place before the proper authorities for consideration.

Warden Hardison said today that he offered his resignation that he might devote more time to the practice of law and other duties that he is considering accepting.

Fire Company Answers Call This Afternoon

The local fire company was called to the home of Lewis Manning on Smithwick Street at 12:15 this afternoon when an oil stove went out of control. Firemen moved the burning stove out of the house and prevented the fire from spreading. Part of the stove was ruined but no damage resulted to the home other than that caused by smoke.

Martin County Health Board In Special Meeting Here Today

Meeting here this afternoon, members of the Martin County Board of Health are formulating definite plans for launching a full-time health service the first of next January. The plans will be submitted to the county commissioners at their meeting here next Monday and if they approve the plans that are being formulated this afternoon then it is certain the last obstacle will have been cleared for establishing the service four months from now.

It is understood the health board members have an excellent man in mind for the position, and they will recommend him if certain arrangements can be effected. It will be

necessary, however, for the State to send a special man here for a few months or until the board's selection can receive special training. The plans now being considered by the health board call for a special health officer to start work January 1 and then turn the duties over to a successor about next June or July.

The health group is expected to prepare resolutions at the special meeting this afternoon requesting State Health Board cooperation in investigating conditions surrounding the reported large number of active tubercular cases in the Oak City section. Definite details on conditions there are also being sought from doctors located in that area.

Large Sales Underway On Market Here Today

RECORD HIGH

Late reports from the officers state that the 40th series of the Martin County Building and Loan Association opening here tomorrow will possibly set an all-time subscription record. Several hundred shares have already been spoken for, and there is considerable interest in the association's plans for home financing, the secretary said.

Many others interested in the splendid savings feature are also planning to participate in the series.

"We are greatly pleased with the prospects for one of the association's largest stock sales tomorrow," Secretary Wheeler Martin commented today.

Notorious Prisoner Is Transferred To Pitt County Capital

Rudolph Marshburn Fails In Several Attempts To Break Out of Jail Here

Rudolph Marshburn, notorious prisoner who has been held in the Martin County jail for Pitt County officers since last May 20, was transferred to the neighboring county capital where he went on trial yesterday for alleged safe cracking. The young man, a native of Greene County, has an alleged criminal record extending from coast to coast. He was sentenced to 30 years in California prisons for an alleged murder several years ago. He broke out of jail there and centered his crime activities over in Pitt county.

Arrested some 12 months or more ago, Marshburn broke out of the Pitt jail almost overnight. He was later arrested in Alabama, and Sheriff Whitehurst went after him. Marshburn was identified by the sheriff one night, and next morning when he started to make the return trip, Marshburn was out and gone. Subsequent arrests followed and the Houdini prisoner always made his escapes until he was arrested last May 20 and brought to this county for safe keeping.

"I'll bet you a nice hat to cover that bald head of yours that he gets away from your jail," a Pitt County officer told Sheriff Roebuck when Marshburn was turned over to him. Sheriff Charlie gave the officer that old familiar grin again, but the smiling lines became taut a few days later when the prisoner cut three bars in the jail with pieces of hacksaws he had carried into the jail in his shoe soles. Marshburn evidently had planned to club the jailer with one of the bars and escape. The plot was discovered and Marshburn was removed to a solitary cell. A few days later the jailer found his man cutting a sizeable hole through the wall with a spoon sharpened to a point on the concrete floor. From then on, the officers moved the man from cell to cell, warding off any jail-break attempt.

Sheriff Roebuck and Jailer Peel appeared greatly relieved yesterday morning at 10 o'clock when Sheriff Sam Whitehurst and a special officer came over and took charge of the prisoner. Plans were made to try Marshburn yesterday morning and deliver him immediately to prison authorities in Raleigh.

Marshburn was sentenced to eight years in prison by a superior court judge over in Pitt yesterday afternoon.

Upward Price Trend Noticed As Market Closes Second Week

Local Tobacco Market Has Sold Nearly Million Pounds To Date

Encouraging reports were received today a s the Williamston Tobacco market neared the one million-pound mark and prices appeared strong. General satisfaction prevailed as the selling organizations continued a steady pace in an effort to avoid a block, but as hard as they may try the task will hardly be completed today.

Conservative estimates placed the market total today in excess of 300,000 pounds, Supervisor Henry Johnson stating that the price average was ranging a little over 23 cents a pound. "The sales today will push the total to date right near the one-million-pound mark," Mr. Johnson declared.

Following the biggest opening of the market on Thursday of last week, sales were comparatively light here until today and at noon tobacco continued to roll in here leading some to believe that the offerings today will equal and possibly surpass those on opening day. The poundage offered for sale during the first seven days this season, including today, is considerably in excess of the poundage sold in the same time a year ago, the prices ranging about the same. Accurate figures are not available just now, but it was reported that the Williamston market is leading all others with only one set of buyers.

The market is selling tobacco from a wider area than at any previous time in its history, and while most farmers say the prices are not the highest they have seen, they are by far not the lowest. We are very well satisfied, nine farmers will answer when asked how they came out with their sales.

This morning a farmer offered 2,788 pounds for sale and averaged 33 cents. Another farmer said he gathered together a few scraps and was more than pleased. Still another farmer said he had hoped to get \$45 for a few pounds he had for sale, and was surprised when he got over \$100.

A few tags are being turned, but comparatively few, some observers stating that they believe the sales on the Williamston tobacco market are proving more satisfactory this year than ever before. "More farmers are voluntarily saying they are pleased with their sales, and in most of those instances where tags are turned, the farmers are offering fourth and fifth curings," the observers explained.

Albert Petty To Have His Headquarters Here

Mr. Albert Worth Petty of the State Board of Health will locate his headquarters here within the next few days, according to information received today. Mr. Petty will supervise sanitary inspection work for the State department in this district.

Regular Services At The Methodist Church

Preaching services will be held at the Methodist Church at 11 and 8 o'clock Sunday. The pastor will do the preaching. Sunday school will begin at 9:45 a. m. There will be services at Holly Springs at 3:30 p. m.

Commissioners To Discuss Full-Time Health Department

Road Improvement Plans Will Be Considered During Meeting

With the possible exception of a discussion centering around the proposed full-time health department, a calendar of only routine business will face the Martin County commissioners when they meet in their regular monthly meeting here next Monday morning. The commissioners are likely to order the advertising of the county's delinquent tax list for early October, but this business is not expected to require their attention for longer than a few minutes. The appointment of a county forest fire warden to succeed Henry D. Hardison, resigned, will also be considered, at the meeting Monday.

Routine matters, while centering around the inspection of current monthly accounts will, it is almost certain, touch on proposed new roads and improvements of old ones and relief to the less fortunate. It could not be learned today whether any appeals would be directed to the board by old people whose applications for aid had been rejected.

Road improvement plans, mentioned some time ago when the commissioners met with Highway Commissioner Barnes and those advanced later by representatives of Griffins and Jamesville Townships, remain at a standstill. It is possible the commissioners still propose some action in an effort to push the farm-to-market road program to the front in this county.

Meeting here this afternoon, members of the County Board of Health are formulating plans for consideration by the commissioners next Monday in connection with launching the new full-time health department work in the county. It is understood that the health group will advance some definite plan at the special meeting today, and that favorable consideration by the commissioners next Monday will make possible the establishment of the department by next January 1. Official announcement has been withheld, but it has been reliably learned that the Health Board members will be asked to consider a plan that is certain to prove highly satisfactory both to the service and to the people. Action by the board of commissioners next Monday in this connection will rest largely, it is believed, on recommendations by the health group today.

Funeral Of Mr. Wier Be Held Saturday

Funeral services for Mr. John Wier, Sr., will be held at the home of his son, John Wier, Jr., on Simmons Avenue here Saturday afternoon at 3 o'clock. Rev. R. R. Grant, pastor of the local Methodist church, will conduct the last rites.

Mr. Wier died at his home in Washington City yesterday about noon following a long period of declining health, the end coming rather unexpectedly. He was 78 years old and was unusually active for his advanced age up until his health began to fail a number of months ago.

Mr. Wier made his home with his son here for some time, but moved to Washington City about a year ago. While here he made and enjoyed a large friendship among the people of the town and community.

Mrs. Wier survives with several sons and daughters. Traveling by motor, the funeral party left Washington City early this afternoon and is expected to reach the Simmons Avenue home early this evening.

Raymond Gurkin Buys Farm Life Business

Raymond Gurkin, young Martin county man, this week purchased the country home and store of Mrs. C. T. Roberson in the Farm Life section of Griffins Township. The purchaser took over the active management of the thriving community business there on Wednesday.

Mrs. Roberson is completing plans this week to let a contract for the construction of a new home on Marshall avenue here.

Rev. Harrington Will Begin Revival Sunday

Rev. W. B. Harrington will begin a series of revival services in the Piney Grove Baptist church Sunday evening at 7:45 o'clock, the meeting to last a week or ten days. The public is cordially invited to attend.

Decreased Attendance Reported As Ten Schools Open New Term In This County Yesterday Morning

Home Owner's Loan Agency Forecloses First Paper Here

The Home Owners' Loan Corporation, holder of a number of mortgages in this county, is starting its first foreclosure proceedings in Martin County today. The action is being taken against Cordelia and Miles Rodgers, who had their small home in Williamston made secure nearly three years ago with one of the Home Owners' loans.

Attorney Henry Spruill, representing the Home Owners' Loan Corporation, said that it is very likely that other foreclosure proceedings would be started against borrowers whose

loans and interest payments are considerably in arrears. Many foreclosures have been effected in nearby counties and over the State and Nation, Mr. Spruill explained.

Apparently the more than 100 loans advanced in this county are in fairly good shape with a few exceptions.

The organization has done everything in its power to help distressed home owners throughout the country, but it cannot be expected to make direct gifts of homes to distressed people.

Welfare Units Hold Joint Meeting Here Thursday Afternoon

58 Persons in Martin County Now Receiving Old Age Assistance

The Martin County Welfare Board held its regular monthly meeting in the Welfare office yesterday afternoon. The Martin County Child Welfare Advisory Committee with Miss Margaret Owens, Child Welfare assistant in the local Welfare Department met with the board for a discussion of the aid to dependent children phase of the Public Assistance program. The procedure employed in taking an application of this type and following the application through with home investigation by the caseworker, collateral calls, verifications, etc., its presentation to the Welfare Board for approval and rejection was discussed in detail using an application recently made for Aid to Dependent Children. Policies and procedures of the Public Assistance program and how these policies are being put into effect in Martin, were related by Miss Mary W. Taylor, Martin County's Superintendent of Public Welfare. Following this an open discussion was held by both boards and staff members. After adjournment of the joint session, the Welfare Board remained for several hours to review applications recently completed. Eleven applications totalling \$82.00 per month were approved for Old Age Assistance. The county's share of this amount is \$29.50 per month. One application for Aid to Dependent Children was approved and one application temporarily rejected. There are nine children under 16 years of age in the family which was approved for assistance, and one girl 16 years of age. The father in this family is deceased and the mother unable to work.

To date 58 persons in Martin County have been approved for Old Age Assistance, and 74 have been rejected. 85 applications are still pending, or are under investigation. Fifteen applications for Aid to Dependent Children have been received. Of this number 10 families including 25 children under 16 years of age have been approved, 2 families with a total of 7 children have been rejected, and three families are under investigation at the present time.

16 blind applications have been received. Ten of this number have been approved and have received their July and August checks. One applicant has been rejected and 5 are pending.

Applications are still being received at the Welfare office and the subsequent investigations made as soon as possible. The public is cordially invited to call at the Welfare office at any time in regard to any matter on which the Welfare Department staff members may be of assistance.

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Tarboro Man Injured In Automobile Collision

Fred S. Braswell, 51-year-old Tarboro man, was slightly cut and bruised when his car was struck by another driven by Thomas Griffin, local man, half-mile west of the highway patrol radio station on Highway 64 at 1:30 o'clock last Wednesday morning. Griffin, dazed by the crash, was able to walk to Williamston, and Braswell continued to Tarboro in another car. Both cars were badly damaged.

Charged with reckless driving and failing to remain at the scene of the accident until details were reported, Griffin was arrested later that morning.

FARM MEETING

No overflow crowd is expected, but a representative number of interested farmers will attend a farm meeting in the agricultural building here this evening at 8 o'clock when vital farm questions will be discussed by Farm Bureau Federation leaders.

E. F. Arnold, secretary of the State Federation, will address the meeting, and such topics as cotton loans and the peanut surplus corporation.

All farmers are invited to attend and participate in the discussions.

Call Eight Criminal Cases in Recorder's Court Last Monday

Isaac Ampey Again Falls Into Hands of Law for Alleged Larceny

Judge H. O. Peel called eight cases in the county court last Tuesday, observers claiming that the number of actions was unusually small considering the session was the first following a big day last Thursday when the tobacco markets opened and the Downie Brothers circus played to large crowds here. Williamston's Mayor Hassell headed a number of minor cases, however, but even then the number of arrests and trials was smaller than many expected.

Isaac Ampey, a good-natured young negro man who has a leaning to fighting with his right and stealing with his left hand, was in court this week for the alleged theft of a ham. He maintained his innocence but the evidence was against him and Judge Peel sentenced him to the roads for 60 days. It was Ampey's seventh visit to the county court as a defendant since 1932.

W. D. Bell failed to answer when called in the case charging him with violating the liquor laws.

The court sentenced Jas. R. Harrison to the roads for six months in the case charging liquor law violations, the sentence to begin at the direction of the court. A \$50 fine was imposed and the case costs were added.

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Williamston Native Joins State Sanatorium Staff

Dr. G. C. Godwin, Williamston native who has been in the government's medical service for a number of years, recently resigned and is now associated with Dr. McCain at the State Sanatorium. Dr. Godwin, stationed at Asheville for a number of years and more recently with the Hines Facility, Hines, Illinois, enters upon his new duties at Sanatorium today.

Marketing Activities Hold Large Number Students at Homes

Jamesville Only School In The County To Report Increased Enrollment

Vacation days for more than 3,000 white children came to an abrupt end yesterday morning when the ten schools, Jamesville, Farm Life, Bear Grass, Williamston, Everetts, Robersonville, Gold Point, Hassell, Oak City and Hamilton, started the new term.

Incomplete reports indicated a marked decrease in the opening-day enrollment figures for some of the schools, officials explaining that the early opening found many children held at home by tobacco grading and other farm tasks. It was pointed out, however, that late closings in the spring found many pupils deserting the schools for farm work, and that the early opening will, no doubt, prove more advantageous to the school and to the pupils.

Confusion centered around the distribution of free text books the opening day, and early reports indicate that the system will function with difficulty during this year, at least. Apparently there aren't enough books to meet the demand and in other cases the demand does not meet the supply. Some children want to own their own books, and others do not even want to buy supplementary books. "We are making every effort to get the books in the hands of the pupils, and the schools should be functioning smoothly by next Monday," two principals said today.

Informal exercises marked the openings in most of the schools, and probably more parents were present for some of the impromptu programs than at any time in the past.

Jamesville Has Increase

Principal Jas. Uzzle reported a gain of two pupils over enrollment figures of a year ago. No change was noted in the high school enrollment, 98 pupils enrolling in that department on each of the opening days. Last year there were 317 enrolled in the Jamesville elementary school. The school there is the only one to report a gain so far in the county this term over last term.

Many Out at Farm Life

Considerable interest was centered on the opening at Farm Life yesterday morning, but the enrollment figures were 24 below those a year ago. Principal C. B. Martin pointed out that a number of his boys and girls were attending a 4-H camp and would not report for school work before next Monday. The enrollment dropped from 56 to 52 in the high school and from 150 to 132 in the elementary department.

Mrs. Eason Lilley, Mrs. Mary B. Hodges, and Messrs. P. E. Getsinger, G. C. Griffin and C. C. Coltrain briefly addressed the large assembly there. Principal Martin stating that

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Capture Three Stills In Past Two Days

The increased flow of cash following the opening of the tobacco markets has brought an increase in the liquor business, both legal and illegal. Definite reports on the business increase experienced by the bootleggers is not available, but during the past three days, Special Enforcement Officer J. H. Roebuck and his assistants have wrecked three liquor plants in as many townships.

The first plant was wrecked on Wednesday afternoon in Williamston Township. One hundred gallons of beer were poured out, and the 50-gallon copper kettle was brought here for sale as junk. Later the same day the officers tore down a small plant in Poplar Point. Yesterday afternoon a 30-gallon copper still and 350 gallons of liquor were destroyed in Hamilton Township.

During the month of August there was little activity on the illegal liquor front. Special officers destroyed only five liquor plants and poured out 1,250 gallons of beer. Thirty-four gallons of liquor were confiscated, the officer stating that it was the largest amount he had found in any one month since he had been working as a special agent and as a special officer.