

## Martins Capture Coastal Plain League Pennant Over Eagles

### Reopening of Tobacco Markets Anticipated Within the Next Few Weeks; Outlook Is Encouraging

#### Tentative Date Is Set For Holding Leaf Control Vote

#### Conference Tackles Problem in Washington Meeting Wednesday

The gloomy tobacco picture snapped at the close of the markets this week took on a brighter lining Wednesday when farmers and farm leaders met with government representatives in Washington, and advanced plans for meeting the serious problem now facing tobacco growers throughout the country. At the very best, the problem cannot be handled to the complete satisfaction of everyone, but the conference tackled it from every possible angle. Plans were laid for trying to get the Imperial buyers back on the markets, and a date was tentatively set for holding a control referendum possibly the latter part of this month and not later than October 7. Fearful that the reopening of the markets before a vote on control is taken would cause prices to drop to the 5-cent level, the conference recommended that the marketing holiday be continued pending the holding of a referendum.

Secretary of Agriculture Henry Wallace, who attended the tobacco conference, praised the "democratic way" in which these interested in the flue-cured tobacco production were dealing with the problem and let it be known that the group could expect full cooperation from his office. He revealed at his press conference that a \$50,000,000 tobacco loan program, through the Commodity Credit Corporation was under consideration as a means of strengthening the market in case the British continue to stay out of the market. He expressed the view that British buyers left the market because there were other commodities the nation needed more badly than tobacco, especially since it was a two-year supply.

Under the law there can be no tobacco program unless the growers vote for production control. The average loan figure most discussed today was 10 cents a pound. Department officials, however, are hoping that if the British cannot be induced to return to the market that private means can be found for purchasing the quantity and grades which would have gone to the United Kingdom and thereby let the market continue to operate on a normal manner.

Flue-cured growers will be asked to vote on a production program next year which will cut the crop to around 665,000,000 pounds. This year's production is estimated at over a billion pounds. Because of the need for immediate action on the referendum and the markets can reopen, the growers will be asked to vote without knowing what their exact quota will be.

Mr. Hutson, in common with the views expressed by those attending the meeting, said he regretted that the present emergency demanded that the referendum be held before farm quotas, which next year will be on an acreage basis, could be announced.

The growers, however, will be assured that no farm allotment will be less than 80 per cent of the 1939 quota. The 1939 marketing quotas, which two-thirds of the flue-cured growers failed to ratify in a referendum last fall, would have permitted Virginia to market 70,455,000 pounds of flue-cured tobacco tax free; North Carolina 493,964,000 pounds, South Carolina 87,713,000 pounds; Georgia, 81-

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#### Posse Is Seeking Man For Windsor Holdup

A young white man, said to have been carrying two guns and described as a dangerous-looking character, is being sought in a wooded area, near Merry Hill, by a posse led by members of the highway patrol, according to unofficial reports reaching here at noon. Driving a car stolen from a Washington Motor Company, the man deserted the machine and sought refuge in the woods where officers were said to have hemmed him in.

Shortly before five o'clock this morning, the man held up an attendant at Smith's Service Station in Windsor, taking ten gallons of gas, two quarts of oil and an undetermined amount of cash. Sheriff C. B. Roebuck left here this morning to join the hunt for the unidentified man.

### "Suicide" Hayes Will Feature Fair Entertainment Program

"Suicide" Hayes, former employee on the Williamston tobacco market, and his "hell-drivers" will feature the entertainment program at the fair opening here week after next, N. Y. Chambliss, manager, announced this week. The daredevil has been booked for a single appearance on Wednesday, September 27. Said to have built up a show that makes others of the type look safe. Hayes plans to jump fourteen cars with a stock car of his own. He has proved a sensation throughout the country, and his scheduled appearance here was booked several months ago.

The Art Lewis shows, one of the largest coming into this section of the State this year, will be on the midway with its fourteen rides and fifteen shows. The concessions will

be limited to the legitimate type, the management said.

Mrs. J. E. Harrison, superintendent of exhibits, has opened an office on the grounds to handle that department of the fair. A number of inquiries has been received, and quite a few farmers and others plan to place products and articles on exhibit, it was stated.

"The closing of the tobacco markets is certain to hurt us, but we must go on with the fair anyway," Manager Chambliss said yesterday, adding that he hoped weather conditions will be favorable during the fair this year. During the past several seasons, the operators have experienced heavy losses as a result of unfavorable weather, one estimate placing the loss at about \$7,000.

### Colored Schools In County Are Packed

Reports of crowded conditions akin to sardine packing came from several colored schools in the county following a survey by representatives of the board of education. As many as seventy-six children were found in a single room.

The colored school here reported 159 in its first grade, the enrollment establishing an all-time high enrollment figure for any one grade. It compares with 128 in the local white school first grade. More than 250 pupils are in the first three grades, and in an effort to relieve the crowded conditions school authorities divided the children into groups with instructions for them to attend in shifts.

The colored schools reported an opening-day enrollment of 3,138 as compared with 3,286 in the white schools. Of the 3,138 enrolled in the colored schools, 2,838 were in the elementary department.

Enrollment by schools was reported by the office of the superintendent, as follows:

Biggs, 123; Gold Point, 154; Robersonville, 184; Williams, 115; Keys, 13; Jamesville, 105; Dardens, 130; Salisbury, 74; Oak City, 184; Whichard-James, 98; Jones, 95; Bowers, 71; Hamilton, 100; Burroughs-Spring Hill, 110; Everetts, 123; White Oak Springs, 84; Williamston, elementary, 539; high school, 164; Parme, elementary, 184; high school, 136; Woolard, 111; Bear Grass, 68; Smithwicks Creek, 44; Corey, 29; Poplar Point, 42; Cross Roads, 52.

### Junior Club Plans For Special Event

There will be a call meeting of the Junior Woman's Club at the Club Room, Tuesday night, September 19, at eight o'clock. All members are urged to attend.

Members of the Junior Woman's Club are very active these days preparing for the Collins Entertainment Festival, being sponsored by them this fall. A most gratifying response has met the club members and students in the junior and senior high schools will be approached by club members in the near future. In choosing this festival, the club is bringing to the people of Williamston and the surrounding territory, something new in entertainment.

Mrs. J. Paul Simpson, general chairman, is being assisted by Mrs. Charles Godwin, Jr., and Misses Sara Cone and Emelyne Evans in conducting the sales of tickets locally.

In the high school, Mesdames Garland Barnhill and Sam Edwards are directing the ticket selling and Miss Mildred Talley has charge of the grammar school.

Poster and pamphlet advertising is under the auspices of Mrs. Frank Wilson and Miss Josephine Harrison.

Miss Natalie Gould is publicity chairman; Mesdames Charles Bowers and L. B. Wynne and Miss Mary Taylor are acquainting the other localities.

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### Large Crowds Attending Meeting At Sweet Home

Nearing the close of its first week the Sweet Home Church revival is having a record attendance and will continue through September 21st.

On Sunday, Mr. H. E. Harden, who is conducting the services will speak on "Peter's Denial of His Lord," and on Sunday night he will use as his theme, "The One that Went Astray."

### Superior Court To Open Two-Weeks' Term Here Monday

#### Few of Twenty-Six Cases on Docket Carry Much Interest

Twenty-six criminal cases have been placed on the docket for trial in the Martin Superior court next week when Judge Leo Carr, of Burlington, is scheduled to preside over his first term in this county. The size of the docket is smaller than usual, and as a whole, carries no great interest.

There are no murder cases on the docket, and while there are quite a few cases charging breaking and entering and larceny, this type of cases is not as prevalent as is ordinarily the case during a fall term of the court. The nature of the docket is centered around the following crimes: manslaughter, 2; larceny and receiving, 4; violation of the liquor laws, 3; peddling without license, 3; drunken driving, 2; bigamy, 1; assault, 1; breaking and entering, 6; seduction, 1; highway robbery, 1; attempted arson, 1, and an assault with a deadly weapon with intent to kill.

Possibly the last case listed will attract about as much interest as any on the docket. Arnold Wallace and Arthur Edmondson, two white youths, are charged with attempting to assault Sheriff C. B. Roebuck with intent to kill him. The boys were being returned to this county to answer a charge of breaking and entering the Williamston Western Union Telegraph office when they stuck a pistol in the officer's back and ordered him to stop the car. It will be remembered that the officer turned the steering wheel of the car loose, and climbed into the back seat and took the gun away from one of the boys, the car running wild in a tobacco field, near Everetts. Unable to raise bond in the sum of \$1,000, the boys have been detained in the common jail since their arrest several weeks ago.

The old Homer Glosson manslaughter case is back on the docket for trial. Charging the defendant with running over and killing Iahia Hardison, colored man near Dardens a year ago this month, the case has been continued pending the trial of a civil suit against Glosson and the owner of the truck. The civil suit has been tried once and resulted in a voluntary non-suit. Ownership of the truck has not been definitely determined, it is reported.

Edward Lingo and Joseph Gardy, two young Pennsylvania men who are said to have taken certain equipment from the Jimmy Smith thrill show at the Williamston fair last year when over-due salaries could not be had, face trial next week.

J. H. Godfrey faces trial at (Continued on page six)

### Well-Known Citizen Dies At His Home In Oak City Wednesday

#### Last Rites Are Conducted For J. M. Harrell Yesterday Afternoon

James Moore Harrell, highly respected citizen of the Oak City community, died at his home there late Wednesday afternoon following an illness of several months' duration. Taken ill quite unexpectedly the early part of last spring, Mr. Harrell grew worse rapidly and his condition was described as critical for weeks before his death. Suffering untold pain, he bore his affliction without complaint.

Mr. Harrell was born in Goose Nest Township 66 years ago, the son of the late Mr. and Mrs. Benjamin Harrell. In early manhood he married Miss Lela Harrell who survives with our daughter, Mrs. Robert Bryant, of the home community. He is also survived by one sister, Mrs. Bettie Rice, of Norfolk, and two brothers, Messrs. Luke Harrell and Amari Harrell, of Palmyra.

Mr. Harrell was a well-known farmer in the upper part of this county. An upright citizen and a good neighbor, he walked humbly in the sight of the Creator and was a devoted member of the Methodist church at Williams Chapel for a long number of years.

Funeral services were conducted yesterday afternoon at 3:30 o'clock from the home of Rev. William Dixon, pastor of the Methodist church at Scotland Neck. Interment was in the Oak City cemetery.

### Conducting Services In Holiness Church Here

Rev. Thompson, of Kenly, and Pastor J. G. Crooke, are conducting a revival at Pentecostal Holiness Church this week with services beginning at 7:45 each night. The public is cordially invited to attend.

### And They Said the Martins Did Not Have A Chance to Maintain Foothold in the First Division

#### War Situation Grows Steadily Worse on the European Front

The war situation, considered gloomy from the start, took on a darker outlook yesterday as Germany hastened the downfall of Poland and started moving a couple of million troops to the Western front to challenge the French and British as they continued to drive against the Siegfried line. The dark outlook was even aggravated by Russia as she mobilized its armed forces to bring them up to four million men preparatory to a mysterious action. Possibly the Soviets will take action along the Polish frontier.

Military observers state that roads leading through Germany to the Western Front are almost choked with men and war equipment, that the march continues in an almost unbroken stream. These activities point

to a conflagration never equalled in the world, the observers believe.

With Warsaw surrounded and other cities falling into the hands of the Germans, Poland's defense has just about crumbled, and apparently the invaders are shifting many of their men to the Western Front.

Expressing an urgent need for an altered neutrality act, President Roosevelt is calling the Congress into special session next Thursday. No other legislation is scheduled for consideration, the President announcing today that no legislation will be asked in an effort to curb profiteering during the present crisis. Strong opposition is forming in an effort to prevent the lifting of the arms embargo act, but a change in the neutrality measure is expected.

### Long Session Of County Court Is Held On Monday

#### Twenty-four Cases Are Called By Judge Peel Ten Are Continued

In one of the longest sessions held in recent months, Judge H. O. Peel called twenty-four cases in the Martin County Recorder's court last Monday, the jurist continuing ten of the cases after holding the tribunal in session all morning and a greater part of the afternoon. The activities of the court, records show, were just about normal for the time of the year, but with the closing of the markets the tribunal is expected to experience a summer slump right in the fall.

Judge Peel, holding the last session of his court until the superior tribunal clears its docket and gets out of the way at the end of the next two weeks, tightened down on the defendants facing him this week. Road sentences were mentioned several times when alleged drunken drivers faced him.

Charged with violating the liquor laws, Willoughby Andrews was sentenced to the roads for six months, the sentence to begin at the direction of the court at any time within the next two years. The defendant was directed to pay the case costs.

Sellie Smith drew a 12-month term on the roads for an alleged violation of the liquor laws. Judgment was suspended, however, upon payment of the case costs.

Charged with drunken driving, Daniel G. Griffin was fined \$50, taxed with the costs and had his license to operate a motor vehicle revoked for one year.

David Purvis, charged with larceny and receiving, was sentenced to the roads for six months.

Kader Gardner was sentenced to the roads for six months, fined \$100, taxed with the costs and had his license to operate a motor vehicle revoked for one year. The road sentence is to begin at the direction of the court at any time during the next two years. The judgment was suspended upon the condition that the defendant refrain from the use of any intoxicating liquors during that time.

Charlie Ernest Vinson was sentenced to the roads for three months for alleged drunken driving. The sentence was staid upon payment of the cost and a \$50 fine. The defendant's operating license was revoked for one year.

Lester Meeks appealed to the superior court when the court adjudged him guilty of reckless driving and fined him \$25. Bond in the sum of \$100 was required.

Charged with operating a motor vehicle while his license was revoked, Ben Ollie Coburn was sentenced to the roads for six months, the sentence to begin at the direction of the court at any time during the next two years.

Charged with having an illegal slot machine in her possession, Mrs. Myrtle Manning Knox Bryant was fined \$50 and taxed with the cost, the court ordering the machine confiscated.

Arthur Webb was sentenced to the roads for three months in the case charging him with violating the liquor laws.

Thurman Bell was found not guilty in the case charging him with an assault.

The case charging Ceddle May Arnold with assault and battery, was remanded to a justice of the peace (Continued on page six)

### There's More Than One Sucker In The Coastal Plain Loop

#### Martins Win Four Out of the First Five Games To Clinch Title

The Martins, rated a mediocre team just a short time ago by the wide dopsters, won the Coastal Plain Baseball League championship last night when they walloped the high-flying Kinston Eagles eight to three over in hostile territory. The victory, based on a splendid cooperative team work featured by Emer on the mound and mighty sluggers at the plate, gave the Martins their first championship in organized baseball. The activities of the season reflect much credit on the part of Messrs. J. Eason and J. Dawson Lilley, Skipper Paul O'Malley and the every-member of the team.

About the only regret expressed over the victory last night was that it robbed followers of the Martins of a last possible opportunity to see them in action on the home grounds. "We were out to annex that pennant and not drag the finals to the limit," President J. Eason Lilley said following the contest last night.

"We realized at the start that we were facing a strong opposition in Kinston, and we lined up our every resource to annex the flag just as soon as possible," Mr. Lilley concluded.

Just a few days ago there were saying that the Martins would do well to hold a position in the first division of the league. The position was held all right with some margin to spare. The Martins were then allotted one game in the semi-finals with Goldsboro. Well, Goldsboro got one. Kinston was ruled the favorite in the last round-up; the Eagles got one out of the first five games despite the brave efforts of Bill Herring as manager and pitcher.

Credit is due every member of the local team in pushing the Martins' claim to the 1939 flag, but attention centered on that fellow Harry "Red" Swain and George Rimmer, the fellow that a Kinston writer had the nerve to call a sucker. Late developments in the finals play undoubtedly prove that one Kinston writer stuck his neck out a bit too far, and before he could get it back it was found beyond all question of a doubt that there is more than one sucker in the world. Rimmer's home run over the deep right field fence in the local park last Wednesday night possibly proved who the real sucker was in the play-off. Despite the inactivity of the stout rightfielder on the one night that Nowak happened to prove himself master, he figured with his stick work in pushing the Martins to victory on four momentous occasions.

Red Swain, annexing his 25th victory, pitched the Martins to victory on two occasions during the finals, and Emer duplicated the feat. Dick Cherry pitched a masterly game, one that would have been in the victory column had his teammates maintained their effective stickwork.

All in all, the victory last night lowered the final curtain on a successful season for the Martins. Fans recognize the task as well done by the club owners, the manager and the players, individually and collectively. And they turn their thoughts to next season, but no definite plans for the game another year will hardly be formulated within the next six or eight weeks. For the time being, followers of sports will have to content themselves with football and basketball. But here's hoping the Martins will return unchanged in their every department next spring.

Mr. Forrest said the grapes were being shipped here from Chowan, Bertie, Washington and many adjoining counties. Farmers are receiving \$1.20 per bushel for their grapes and Mr. Forrest said the season would run for at least four more weeks. Last year the market price was only \$1.00 per bushel. More than 33,000 pounds of grapes have been received at the Lindsley Ice Company plant and they expect heavy receipts within the next few days.

### Happenings In The Farm Life School

The P. T. A. of the Farm Life school will hold its first meeting of the year Tuesday night, Sept. 19th, at 7:30 o'clock. All parents are urged to attend. The organization will elect its officers and committees at this meeting. The senior class will present a short play for the entertainment of those present.

The parents of the Farm Life school spent yesterday afternoon hauling sand and preparing a playground for the first and second grade children.

Miss Lora E. Sleeper and Mr. J. P. Woodard reviewed the activity of their 4-H clubs at Farm Life today and set the second Wednesday of the month as the regular meeting date.

The school has an enrollment of 155 in the elementary school and 60 in high school.

### J. W. Ward Dies In Rocky Mount

J. Walter (Doc) Ward, native of this county, died at his home in Rocky Mount last Monday afternoon following a long illness. Funeral services were conducted in the Christian Church there Wednesday afternoon at 3:30 o'clock by the pastor, Rev. L. B. Scarborough.

The son of the late John L. and Mary Hodges Ward, he was born in Bear Grass Township, this county, 72 years ago the first of this month. When a young man, he married Miss Molly Mizelle and located in Jamesville Township where he lived a number of years. In the early twenties he moved to Wilmington, and three years later he located in Rocky Mount, making his home there the remainder of his life.

Mr. Ward was well known in this county, and had many relatives and friends in this section.

Besides his widow he is survived by two sons, Messrs. Milton Ward, of Plymouth, and John Ward, of Rocky Mount, and three daughters, Mrs. J. B. Boyd, of Washington; Mrs. Edgerton Dursh, of Akron, Ohio, and Mrs. K. W. Godard, of Rocky Mount. He also leaves two sisters, Mrs. Virginia Perry, of Williamston, and Mrs. Addie Edward, of High Point.

Interment was in the family plot in the Rocky Mount cemetery. The names of those attending the last rites from this county are: Mr. and Mrs. John Ward, Mr. and Mrs. Oliver Coltran, Mrs. Ernestine Ward, Mr. and Mrs. Burras Ward, Mr. and Mrs. Simon Perry, Mr. and Mrs. Simon Ward, Mr. and Mrs. Will Ward and Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Knox, and son, Wilton, Jr.

### Grape Deliveries Are Larger Here

Bill Forrest, state representative of the Garrett Wine Company, stated yesterday that more grapes had already been delivered to their local agents, Lindsley Ice Company, this year, than were received all of last year.

Mr. Forrest said the grapes were being shipped here from Chowan, Bertie, Washington and many adjoining counties. Farmers are receiving \$1.20 per bushel for their grapes and Mr. Forrest said the season would run for at least four more weeks. Last year the market price was only \$1.00 per bushel.

More than 33,000 pounds of grapes have been received at the Lindsley Ice Company plant and they expect heavy receipts within the next few days.

"With the tobacco market closed farmers should take time to harvest and sell their grapes," Mr. Forrest said.

### Colored Child Painfully Hurt In Auto Accident

Aima Lee Wiggins, eight-year-old colored girl, was painfully but not seriously hurt when she was struck by a car driven by Norman Bowen, of Williamston R. F. D. No. 3, on West Main Street here last Tuesday afternoon at 4:45 o'clock. Darting into the street from behind an ice truck the girl was cut on the head and bruised on other parts of her body.

### President Of N. C. Press Association Here Today

W. E. Horner, president of the N. C. Press Association and Editor of the Sanford Herald, was here today in the interests and business of the association.