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Town Is Definitely Out Of The Coastal Plain Ball Circuit

Representatives Of League In Greenville Meeting; Local Man Named President

Meeting in Greenville Sunday afternoon, representatives of the various clubs in the old Coastal Plain Baseball League almost completed the reorganization of the circuit and made tentative plans for resuming play next spring after remaining idle since the 1941 season. Williamston is definitely out of the league, but the seven remaining clubs are just about ready to resume activities, it was learned at the meeting.

R. H. Goodmon, president of the circuit, was unanimously re-elected at the meeting and Miss Edna Barnhill was named the league's secretary for a three-year term. Directors will be named by the various clubs between now and October 20 when the officials are to meet in New Bern for the final reorganization meeting, it was announced.

Tarboro, Greenville, Kinston, Goldsboro, New Bern, Wilson and Rocky Mount were represented at the meeting. Mr. J. Eason Lilley, president, owner and operator of the Williamston franchise, attended the meeting and advised the league representatives that he would not be able to participate in the play next season.

Speaking for the league, Guy Smith of Greenville expressed deep regret when Williamston withdrew. "We enjoyed the sportsmanship of Mr. Lilley and his people and we will miss going to Williamston," Mr. Smith said.

The league has three bids for berths in the league, but none was considered at the meeting Sunday. Jacksonville, enjoying a military boom, asked for a place in the circuit, one report declaring that the town had \$25,000 already in hand to start the season. Wilmington and Fayetteville were said to be interested in a berth in the league, and it was mentioned as a possibility that Smithfield would consider taking the eighth position.

The representatives discussed the possibility of raising the league standard from "D" to "C", meaning that salary schedules would be increased from \$1,500 and \$1,800 monthly exclusive of the manager's salary and bonuses for players would be in order.

Bear Grass Parents And Teachers Meet

Meeting in regular session last Wednesday, parents and teachers in the Bear Grass School district discussed and formulated plans for holding a Halloween carnival in the school.

The canvass for the lunch room was reviewed. The drive has not been completed, but reports to date are very encouraging, it was declared.

New officers were elected for the association as follows: Mrs. Walter Wynne, president; Mrs. Noah Rogerson, vice president; and Mrs. Dewey Leggett, secretary-treasurer.

The next meeting of the organization will be held on the second Tuesday night in November and all patrons and other interested citizens are asked to be present and cooperate in advancing the work of the school.

Chicken Prices Were Higher Back In 1920

Raleigh—Although the average retail price for live chickens throughout the United States is now approximately 44 cents per pound, this is still 4.6 cents below the price in October, 1920, when the price went to 48.6 cents, figures released by the State Agriculture Department show. The present price is also below the prices paid for live chickens in 1919 and 1920.

In 1929, live chickens sold for 43.7 cents per pound in retail stores—as compared with 42.4 cents last year and 41.5 cents in 1943.

Girl Scouts And Brownies To Meet Here Tomorrow

Local girl scouts and brownies are scheduled to hold their first meeting of the season Wednesday afternoon at 4 o'clock in the Woman's Club hall. Members of the troops are asked to be present and parents are invited.

Little Progress Reported In War Fund Campaign So Far

According to incomplete reports received here yesterday, the last annual United War Fund Drive is making only medium progress in this county to date. The quotas have been met and passed in some districts, but complete figures could not be had in time for publication today.

Mrs. Roy Taylor and Mayo Hardison, chairman of the drive in Poplar Point, stated yesterday that \$110 of the \$175 quota assigned that district had already been raised.

Chairman Henry S. Johnson of Hamilton stated that the drive was just getting underway there, that the outlook was reasonably encouraging. Mr. John W. Eubanks was sick and could not be reached for a report yesterday, but Hassell has always met its challenges. Mrs. E. E. Pittman could not be reached for a report in Goose Nest, but the canvass is believed far from complete there. Mrs. A. P. Barnhill, chairman for Cross Roads, stated frankly that the response there was slow.

No other direct reports could be had from the county, but at least one of the districts south of Williamston

was said to have passed its goal, that others were making progress.

Reviewing the available reports, Chairman Clarence Griffin still is hopeful that the quota will be reached in this county. Martin citizens are reminded that the current drive was launched at the urgent request of field generals who see and mingle with the millions of Americans boys still in the occupation zones, that the drive has the endorsement of the President of the United States and all leading officials in the nation and states. Although the fund is mainly devoted to the welfare of American boys still in the service, every possible remaining dollar is going to aid starving and freezing souls in many foreign lands.

The war is over, but our people are reminded that it is not yet time to rest on the oars when so much is at stake in victory. Don't ask the solicitors to call back. Encourage them with a sizable donation without delay, and let it be said that Martin County never faltered or failed in meeting a humane challenge in war or peace.

GOVERNOR'S PLEA

The following telegram addressed to County Chairman W. C. Griffin of the United War Fund Drive, was sent by Governor Gregg Cherry yesterday, the honorary chairman of the drive in this State appealing for 100 percent support of the drive:

"Gratitude to fighting men for military victory at great sacrifice demands that we finish their job to insure peace. Realization that millions throughout world owe every existence to our generosity and pride in North Carolina's record of success plus in every previous form of war campaign effort demands that we strive for nothing less than one hundred percent of allocated war fund goal in every county. Urge that you encourage chairmen and solicitors to double and redouble efforts. Appreciate your efforts."

Family Experiences Many Misfortunes

Misfortune after misfortune has befallen the family of Mrs. J. Bland here during recent days and weeks. One son suffered a stroke last Thursday. Another son was run over by an automobile last Friday. A third son is undergoing treatment in a hospital in Roanoke, Virginia. A son-in-law died a few weeks ago. Another son-in-law is in a Greenville hospital for treatment. A sister is five years an invalid. And Mrs. Bland is not in the best of health, but is still active.

John Thomas Bland, employed in the Norfolk area, suffered his second stroke while working there last Thursday. The stroke was not very severe, one report stating that he had lost the use of his left arm.

After serving nine years in the armed forces and going through most of the Mediterranean campaigns, John D. Bland was run down by an automobile at the fair grounds last Friday night. He was painfully but not seriously hurt. The young man was wounded several times while fighting in Italy.

A third son, Hubert, is in a veterans' hospital in Virginia for treatment, his nerves completely exhausted after nine years in the armed forces and continuous action for a long period in the Mediterranean area.

Mrs. Bland's sister, Mrs. Kader Rogerson, has been an invalid for five years, her condition remaining about the same.

County Veteran Of Pacific Discharged

Swannanoa.—Pvt. John Cross of Oak City, veteran of the Pacific war, has been given an honorable discharge from the Army at Moore General Hospital Separation Point here after 51 months of service.

Cross served with the glider infantry of the 11th Airborne Division and saw action in New Guinea, and the northern, and southern Philippines. He wears three campaign stars on his Asiatic Pacific Ribbon and has the Combat Infantry Badge for meritorious achievement in action.

Before induction he worked in the Portsmouth navy yards.

County Young Man Gets Honorable Army Discharge

S/Sgt. David M. Griffin, Martin County young man, was honorably discharged from the Army Air Forces on October 5 under the point system.

He is returning to his old job as a heavy equipment operator for the Virginia Highway Department and will make his home in Suffolk.

Mrs. J. T. McClaren Dies At Home Near Here Early Monday

Funeral Services Are Being Held This Afternoon At 3:00 O'Clock

Mrs. James Thomas McClaren, well-known county citizen, died at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Urnee Bunting, near Williamston Monday morning at 6 o'clock following a long period of declining health. A victim of arthritis, Mrs. McClaren had been an invalid for about five years and had been confined to her bed during most of this year.

Miss Mary Virginia Moore before her marriage, she was born in Bear Grass township on January 21, 1886, the daughter of the late Thomas and Nancy Cherry Moore. She spent her early life there and was married to Mr. McClaren about 46 years ago. Following her marriage she located near Everetts and lived there until about five years ago when she went to make her home with her daughter, near here.

She was the last member of her immediate family and was held in high esteem by all who knew her. Mrs. McClaren was a faithful member of the Christian church at Everetts the greater part of a quarter century, attending its services regularly as long as she was able. Her pastor, Rev. J. M. Perry, of Robersonville, assisted by Rev. John L. Goff, are conducting the last rites this afternoon at 3:00 o'clock at her late home. Interment will follow in Woodlawn Cemetery here.

Besides her husband she leaves five children, Robert McClaren of Robersonville, Mrs. Penell Bland of Roper, Mrs. Simon Beach and Mrs. Urnee Bunting of Williamston and Mrs. Raymond Abbott of Norfolk; nine grandchildren, Benjamin, Wade, William and Polly Bunting, all of Williamston, Virginia Abbott of Norfolk, Mrs. Theibert Whitley and Mrs. J. R. Jennings of Robersonville, Robert McClaren, Jr., who is en route home from overseas, and Jas. Simon Beach, serving with the armed forces in the Pacific theater; and two great-grandchildren, James Robert and Virginia Janice Jenkins of Robersonville.

GI Thankful For Home-Town Paper

Writing in to have his subscription canceled since he is now traveling toward home, Cpl. Julius Gurganus took time to express his thanks for The Enterprise. He wrote, in part: "During the two-year 'tour' with the Fifteenth Air Force I have certainly enjoyed the opportunity of receiving the Enterprise. A few occasions when it was not possible for me to get the paper, it was a distressing and sad period for this GI, for I certainly did miss it."

"You and your staff are to be commended for the wonderful task so nobly accomplished in getting the paper to so many Martin County GIs all over the world."

Cpl. Gurganus stated that he expected to reach Williamston some time about the middle of November.

County Home Economics Teachers Hold Meeting

The Martin County Home Economics teachers met last Wednesday in the Jamesville Home Economics Department.

The following officers were elected: Miss Maude Ketchum, chairman; Miss Verna Belle Lowery, secretary. The subject of the meeting was "Beautification of Surroundings." What to teach in the first, second and third year home economics classes was worked out in a round table discussion by the group.

Scientists Certain Bomb Secret Long Other Countries Can Produce Bomb Without Help From The U. S.

Austin, Tex., Oct. 15.—J. H. Rush, secretary of the Assn. of Oak Ridge Scientists at Clinton Laboratories, is visiting old schoolmates and professors at the University of Texas to tell them his deep conviction that the secret of the atomic bomb cannot be kept in the U. S. A.

His argument runs like this: "We can expect no enduring monopoly of the atomic bomb. Other scientists can apply the fundamental principles, perhaps more successfully than we have. Our work was costly because it was handicapped by the necessity for basing major decisions on largely theoretical predictions. The question of success now has been answered, other countries know that they can produce such bombs without any detailed technical information from us."

He and his associates, Rush continued, consider a defense against this bomb impossible. He pointed out that military defense consists of interception, and that a 90 per cent interception is considered good.

"Yet, if interception misses one bomb, there's no more interception," he said.

Then he noted the possibility that atomic mines, in ordinary trunks, could be smuggled into the U. S. A. and planted under every city, to be set off by agents or by radio at the given moment.

"Any time you start an arms race with atomic power, we all lose," Rush insisted. "Our industrial superiority is no good. What difference does it make if we have the best atomic bomb, so long as an enemy has an atomic bomb. And it doesn't matter if we have 10,000 atomic bombs, if an enemy has 100 and the inclination to use them first."

The thesis of the Oak Ridge scientists, who have had two years longer to think over the problem than the rest of us have, is this, according to Rush: "We believe that there is only one way open to us as a Nation. Every effort must be made immediately to arrange for the control of this weapon by a world authority which can exercise complete and effective control of the production of the essential materials and of their use in every country."

Lumber To Continue Under Price Control

Raleigh.—The lifting of building controls by the War Production Board, effective October 15, does not mean that OPA price controls have been removed.

"Price controls on lumber and other building materials are still in effect and will remain so," OPA declared.

OPA brought out the fact that inflationary pressures are still strong in the building materials field and emphasized that OPA was determined to resist them until supply comes into balance with demand.

Brenda Perry, Eight Months Old, Dies Near Jamesville

Brenda Perry, eight months old, died at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. S. J. Perry, near Jamesville, last Sunday morning at 2 o'clock. The little child had been in ill health for about four months and had received treatment in several hospitals during that time.

Funeral services were conducted Sunday afternoon and interment was in the family cemetery, near the home.

ROUND-UP

Fourteen persons, charged with disturbing the peace of the land, were arrested and jailed here over the week-end in one of the biggest round-ups in recent weeks of alleged law violators. Twelve were booked for local police, and all but one were booked for public drunkenness or for disorderly conduct.

One was booked for drunken driving, one for larceny and one for operating a motor vehicle without a driver's license.

Tobacco Sales Pass The Nine Million Mark On Market Here

With well over 100,000 pounds on the floors today, the local tobacco market is passing the nine million-pound mark for the current season. And prices are steadily climbing upward here, official reports stating that the sales averaged right at 47 cents a pound last Friday when 161,400 pounds were sold on the two sales.

So far this season the market has sold 8,919,230 pounds for \$3,909,201.53, a resulting average just short of \$44.00 per hundred.

It is estimated that just about 88 percent of the crop in this territory has been sold, that the market will possibly reach and pass by a small margin the ten million-pound goal. The peanut harvest just about completed, farmers are now rushing to finish the marketing of tobacco. Sales are holding up unusually well, but the days of the glut are definitely gone and sales are being held in at least two houses daily.

Next week the market will hold

sales on Monday for the first time since the early part of the season. A return to the five-day selling week is not expected to materially affect the crowded conditions in redrying plants since sales are now considerably less than those reported a week or ten days ago.

Reviewing the price schedule for sales last week, all types of tobacco were commanding more money with some selling well up in the fifties. The nondescript type and the poorer quality grades are not selling for as much as they did earlier in the season, but they are higher than they were ten days ago while the better grades are at the highest peak so far this season.

A report covering the entire eastern Carolina belt states that sales through last Friday totaled 296,245,850 pounds, that the average price was \$43.29, or just about 75 cents per hundred below the average on the Williamston market.

Plans Go Forward For Freezer - Locker Plant

Lions Underwrite Contract To Sell Space In Project

J. E. Coad and Engineer Are Expected Tomorrow To Study Possible Site

Plans for the construction and operation of a freezer-locker plant in this county are now progressing rapidly after the Lions Club stepped in last Thursday evening and agreed to underwrite a contract for the sale of space in the plant. After underwriting the project, the Lions Club members have sold approximately fifty lockers and guaranteed the remainder.

J. E. Coad and Associates, Incorporated, is bringing an engineer here tomorrow to study a possible location for the plant. Assistant County Agent Claude Goodman said this morning.

It was explained at a public meeting held in the high school building several weeks ago that the Coad company would consider locating a plant here when 250 lockers had been rented. Approximately that number has been sold or will be sold shortly according to the contract guarantee made by the Lions Club last Thursday evening.

The company has submitted three proposals in connection with the construction and operation of the plant. The company will build and operate the plant outright, or it will sell stock to interested persons. Under the third proposal, the company will build and equip the plant and turn it over to local interests. It is possible that local people will want shares in the company plant here, and stock will be offered at a meeting to be held in the agricultural building tomorrow evening at 8 o'clock. Interested parties are invited to attend the meeting.

Unless some unforeseen obstacle is encountered, the promoters plan to choose a site at once and work for the completion of the structure by early spring. These and other details will be considered while Mr. Coad and his engineer make a first-hand study during their visit here tomorrow, Mr. Goodman explained.

Reviewing the applications for space in the locker, Assistant Agent Goodman stated that approximately 90 percent of the space sold to date had been taken by farmers, that it is believed that the 500-unit plant will hardly be able to accommodate this section.

Sgt. Johnnie B. Harrell Given Honorable Discharge

After serving five years in the armed forces, Sgt. Johnnie B. Harrell, former Martin County young man, is being discharged from the Army Air Forces under the point system at Seymour-Johnson Field, Goldsboro today.

Harrell served two years with the Sixth Air Force in the Canal Zone, and was recently promoted to the rank of sergeant. He plans to make his home in Beaufort County with Oscar Stalls.

Infant Dies In Hospital Last Saturday Evening

Funeral services were conducted at the home in Williams Township yesterday afternoon for the two-day old infant of Clarence and Irene Gardner Hopkins, who died in a Washington hospital last Saturday evening at 8 o'clock. Interment was in the family cemetery near the home.

Two brothers, Jimmy and Jerry Hopkins, and a sister, Barbara Jones Hopkins, survive.

REQUEST

Many Martin County boys are packing up and sailing from all corners of the globe for home. Quite a few of them—over 1,000 at one time—were Enterprise subscribers. Army and Navy postal clerks notify the paper of address changes, but the notices are ordinarily received months late. Overseas subscribers can greatly aid the publishers in maintaining a correct mailing list by advising any change in address. Relatives can greatly help relieve the situation by advising the paper that their sons, brothers, or husbands are returning home.

Quite a few of the boys are notifying the publishers to cancel their subscriptions, some adding a note of appreciation.

County Boy On Way Home From Pacific

Aboard the USS Monterey off Panama—William H. Gurganus, 31, CM 2/c, is returning from the Pacific War aboard this fast Light Carrier.

He is traveling aboard the Monterey as a passenger. The ship, which has been in the Pacific front lines since the Gilberts invasion in November, 1943, was attacking the Tokyo area on August 15, the day the war ended.

It spent the succeeding days patrolling airfields on the Jap Homeland to make sure that terms of the Armistice were being met and, incidentally, to parachute supplies to prisoners of war camps. On September 6, it put briefly into Tokyo Bay to take aboard Marines and Sailors from among its crew who had gone ashore as part of the occupation forces.

Thereafter, it stopped briefly at Okinawa and Pearl Harbor, taking aboard passengers in both ports. It will pass through the Panama Canal within the next few days, along with a sizeable fleet of battleships, cruisers, destroyers and other carriers.

The Monterey, as a veteran of Pacific Fast Carrier Task Force will take part in Navy Day exercises October 27 in New York City.

Veteran Victim Of Hit-and-Run Driver

John D. Bland, veteran of nine years in the armed forces, was painfully but apparently not seriously hurt when he was run down by a hit-and-run driver near the fair grounds on Highway 64 last Friday night about 10:30 o'clock. After receiving treatment in the local hospital, he was removed to his home where he continues in bed. One report stated he was scratched and slightly bruised on one leg and hurt about the head.

Bland was walking along the highway with five other persons, but no detailed account of the attack could be had from any of them, according to Cpl. W. S. Hunt who investigated it.

Logging And Lumber Firms Need Additional Workers

With approximately forty firms engaged in logging and lumbering operations in this county there is a marked and urgent need for more workers, including those of all skills. Workers, interested in employment in the industry, are asked to report to the United States Employment office, third floor of the town hall in Williamston for further information.

A Brief Historical Review of United States Ninth Army

Quite a Few Martin County Boys Followed Simpson Through Thick of Fight

Because a good number of Martin County young men made the dangerous journey with Lt. Gen. William H. Simpson, the brief historical review of the U. S. Ninth Army as re-visited by the Public Relations Office, Fort Bragg, is offered, as follows:

The Ninth U. S. Army, which fought in Brittany, on the Siegfried Line and across northern Germany to within 65 miles of Berlin, has been ordered demobilized effective October 10.

Lieutenant General William H. Simpson, tall Texan who commanded the Ninth, has been given command of the Second Army, headquarters at Memphis, Tenn.

The Ninth Army was being redeployed to the Pacific when the war in that area ended.

The order, received from the War Department, actually means disbandment of the Ninth Army's headquarters, present at Fort Bragg. Headquarters personnel who have enough points are being discharged as quickly as possible. Others will go to the Second Army with General Simpson or be transferred elsewhere.

In a paper sense, the order means demobilization of one of the great American field armies of World War II.

The Ninth Army fought in five countries—France, Luxembourg, Belgium, Holland and Germany. At one time it operated concurrently in all five. It co-operated with the First U. S. Army in encirclement of the Ruhr, in which 325,000 enemy troops were trapped and captured. Its bridgehead across the Elbe was being developed to continue the attack to Berlin when orders were received to stand fast along the Elbe.

Major combat activity of the Ninth ended when contact was made with the Russian Army near Zerbat, southwest of Berlin, on April 30. This contact was made by Troop C, 125th Cavalry Squadron of the 113th Cavalry Group, under command of the 33rd Division of the XIX corps. The Russian unit met was the 1st Battalion, 340th Regiment, 121st Division of the XXVII Corps. The war in Europe ended officially on May 9.

The Ninth Army captured 736,437 prisoners of war. It occupied some 39,000 square miles of Germany, from the Rhineland to the Elbe.

It liberated some 500,000 Allied prisoners of war and more than 1,250,000 Allied displaced persons—men and women forced into Germany by war.

Its engineers built more than 300 bridges, including a notable railroad bridge across the Rhine at Wesel.

Ninth Army anti-aircraft artillery shot down 560 German planes. During the rapid advance into Germany, the Ninth Army captured vital intelligence targets and many industrial targets which had been manufacturing ammunition, guns, tanks and other war material. Targets taken included the Krupp Works in Essen and the largest known plants for producing synthetic rubber and fuel.

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Visiting Minister Opens Meeting Here

Dr. H. Glenn Haney of Greenville conducted the first in a series of services in the local Christian church last Sunday evening when he preached on the subject, "The Christian Citadel." The visiting minister was heard by a large crowd. Last evening, he chose for his subject, "The Great Confession."

Other topics for his sermons during the remainder of this week follow:

Tuesday, "Harden Not Your Hearts;" Wednesday, "A Man's Religion;" Thursday, "What Is Sin and Who Is a Sinner?;" Friday, "God's Attitude Toward a Prodigal World."

Services are held each evening at 8 o'clock and the public is invited. In his first service, the minister, in inviting members of all congregations to hear him, said: "I am not in favor of a further division of religion. It is time to blend what we already have." He ably applied his subject, and declared that the influence of one's life was much more far-reaching than the owner suspected.

Conducting Revival At Rose Of Sharon Church

Rev. J. D. Veivelson is conducting a revival meeting in the Rose of Sharon Church in Bear Grass Township this week. The public is cordially invited to attend the services each evening.

Practice Teachers Here In Economics Department

Miss Charlotte Elliott of Edenton and Miss Mary Alice Cohoon of Columbia, are doing practice teaching in home economics in the Williamston High School this term.