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SLIM GARDNER IS LEADING HITTER ON LOCAL TEAM

Several Pitchers Are Listed Among Top Batters for Season's Play

Slim Gardner, veteran member of the hurling staff of the Plymouth base ball club, is also the leading hitter, as the season's averages show after having been tabulated by C. W. Dinkins, official scorer and assistant manager of the club. This includes Monday's game with Williamston but does not include Tuesday's game at Columbia.

Other members of the pitching staff have fairly good batting averages also. Walter Davis, who has been in 15 games, losing 2 and winning 12; and in the 15th was yanked in the ninth with his club ahead but with two on base, has a hitting record of .289, being at the bat 38 times and chalking up 11 safeties.

Dewey Melton, who was a good pitcher for the locals, and who now is on the staff of the Winston-Salem Piedmont League club, hit for an average of .276, with 29 trips to the plate and smashing out 8 safeties. Red Scully, a recent addition to the twirling group, is averaging .400, hitting safely 4 times out of 10 trips.

Harry Van Horn, first baseman and southpaw pitcher, who has lost only 2 games this season out of about 10 starts on the mound, is the most consistent hitter in the flinging crowd, as he plays first when not pitching and is in almost every game, and then he has hung up the enviable record of .323, with 124 times at bat, securing 40 hits.

Howard Brown, second-baseman, out now on account of an ankle injury, has averaged .314 in batting, with 168 trips to the plate and securing 34 hits; while Preston Chappell, shortstop, has fallen from leading the club and now counts an average of .333, with 114 chances, knocking out 38 hits.

Frank Furches, high school coach here and captain of the club, is the leading fielding hitter, ranking behind Gardner and Scully with an average of .400, with 120 times up and counting 48 safe bounces. Mr. Furches plays third base and did do some relief hurling early in the season. He went back into Monday's game after being out about a week with an injured ankle.

Buddy Richardson, catcher, has been here only about three weeks, but he has played in every game since then and emerges with a record of .346, with 44 times at bat and 15 hits. Jack Brown as a utility catcher and outfielder, with 24 times at bat, annexed 8 hits, making an average of .333.

Sandy Peele, who came here as a catcher, made good and then chose the outfield instead, and has made only one error since he has been here and is hitting at a .394 clip, with 26 hits out of 66 times. Probably he has batted in more runs than any other player, as several times the score book shows that he drove in as many as two runs a game for several games.

Tex Edens has been an erratic pitcher this season on defense, but his hitting has helped him by the rough spots. Edens for the last several games has dropped in hitting, now batting at .321, with 106 times at bat, getting 34 hits, due to the fact that he has been discouraged on account of the bobbles and glaring errors that he has made.

Monk Morris has been doing some good work on the defense in center-field, but his hitting is down the line for a player in the outer garden. He is hitting .266, with 109 times up and 29 hits. He has hit several homers, smashing out two in a single game with Weldon recently.

Joe Gurganus, a local boy, who gets a hand from the grandstand when playing, is hitting .237, which is a lot below his last year average. He is an outfielder. Fred Waggoner, utility man, is hitting .250, playing in only a few games.

Van Horn, with 6 homers, leads the team in long-distance hitting, with the following trailing him: Chappell, 5; Morris, 4; Furches, 3; with Richardson, H. Brown, Gardner, Gurganus, Melton, and Peele all getting one each.

Urge Entrants in Bathing Beauty Contest August 10

Plymouth has been asked by Newell G. Bartlett, of Kinston, secretary and manager of the Eastern Carolina Chamber of Commerce, to enter a group of young ladies in the bathing beauty contest that will be held at Edenhurst Beach between Windsor and Edenton on August 10.

There is no limit to the amount of queens entered by any town. Judges from another section will choose the beach queen, who will be crowned in a fitting ceremony in the evening and this will be followed later by a queen's ball. First prize will be \$10 in cash with two other small awards.

Lumber Plant Will Locate Here; Will Employ 75 Men

Only one thing remains to be done and that is for the deed to be signed and the money paid for the site, and then the new lumber plant that is expected to be located here on the banks of the Roanoke River will begin construction.

Zeb Vance Norman, who has been working on the matter here, has already drawn up the deed, and it is ready for the signatures of the sellers and the buyers, and Mr. Rose, who will be in charge of the new lumber mill, was expected here Wednesday but was hindered.

It is understood the town will contribute \$1,000 toward the purchase of the site for the new plant providing that the plant officials agree to operate here at least three years and to invest several thousand dollars in the equipment of the plant.

SIDELIGHTS BASEBALL

Tarboro defeated Plymouth 5 to 4 here last Friday. Walter Davis on the mound for Plymouth held the opposition to five hits, but errors by Edens, Peele, VanHorn and others of his mates contributed to the aid of the visitors. He was yanked in the ninth in favor of Red Scully who allowed two runs. Chappell hit a homer in first, and Futrell scored on Savage's easy roller to VanHorn with the winning tally.

Dewey Melton, a member of the Plymouth pitching staff since the first of the season, left here last week and Saturday hurled a 4 to 3 win for Winston-Salem over Wilmington, allowing six hits in eight innings. He was recorded as the winning pitcher. He annexed a hit batting in a run out of three trips to the plate.

Creswell edged a 2 to 1 victory over Columbia in Creswell Sunday before a large crowd of fans with Abbit for the winners allowing five hits and Alexander for Columbia permitting four. Stallings knocked in Gill in third after the latter had walked and then in the fifth Hopkins drove in Stallings with the winning tally. Hopkins led the hitting with a couple of doubles.

The Galilee Mission team on Lake Phelps was defeated 11 to 1 by the Mill Pond nine last Tuesday. Tom Wiley Norman was the winning hurler while Tom Ambrose was the losing pitcher. Chester Campbell hit a homer with three on bases. Hoot Gibson hit a triple. Tom VanHorn stole home for the lone tally of the losers. Dick Chesson and James Collins caught for Mill Pond and Tom VanHorn received for Galilee Mission.

FEDERAL BOAT IN PLYMOUTH

Revenue Cutter Pamlico Is Visitor Here Sunday; Inspected by Many

Residents of Washington County enjoyed very much the visit of the Pamlico, a cutter of the Federal Coast Guard organization, that spent all day Sunday here for inspection by the public. The boat arrived here Saturday afternoon at 6 o'clock and left Monday morning at 8 o'clock.

There was a large number of people who went aboard the vessel to view the interior. The cutter was brought here at the request of some civic organization and most of those went aboard the ship came back to spread the news of the courteous officers and the members of the crew in charge.

Captain D. F. De Otte was in charge of the vessel and the 27 men constituting the crew. There were five officers aboard leaving 22 men in the crew.

The boat came here after a visit to Manteo and Elizabeth City where it had been during the meeting of the North Carolina Press association which ended last week. The boat also took the newspapermen for a cruise about the Manteo section during the convention.

Also the boat visited the Albemarle section and in the waterways thereabout to inspect the freight boats and watermelon-laden vessels that had been operating without the proper lights and general facilities which has resulted in wrecks recently.

The home port of the boat is New Bern, and it operates mainly between there and Morehead City and that section of the coast.

The tobacco acreage in Surry county was reduced by approximately 25 percent by the dry weather, and will be cut to 50 percent in pounds if the drought continues.

This firm is expected to employ about 75 men with a payroll of about \$1,200 weekly. They will use hardwood, mostly gum. They are two partners in the business with one being a Mr. Mitchell and the other a Mr. Ross, with the latter living here.

Work on clearing the site for the plant will begin immediately after the deed is signed.

SAY GOVERNOR BROKE PROMISE MADE MAN HERE

Local Democrats Indignant Over Treatment Shown E. D. Carstarphen

Rumors of a proposed indignation meeting to be held in the courthouse here some time in the future are going the rounds today as the citizens here are protesting to a person along the rank refusal of the state's patronage distributors to recognize Washington County.

Nothing much was expected in the higher affairs of the government, but the local politicians are greatly displeased with the open snobishness of Governor J. C. B. Ehringhaus and his subordinates in their ostentatious refusal to employ Ernest D. Carstarphen thus allegedly neglecting their promises.

This and the adjoining county were the only ones this side of the Albemarle Sound to cast a majority vote for Mr. Ehringhaus in the second contest. Appointments have been multiplied in Beaufort with some in Marine and neither of these counties gave him a majority in the second primary.

John W. Darden here will take the stand and tell that he heard Mr. Ehringhaus promise Mr. Carstarphen a place in his governmental organization. Carl L. Bailey has been to Raleigh this week in the interest of Mr. Carstarphen's candidacy for office.

W. L. Whitley, manager of Ehringhaus' campaign in this county, and W. R. Hampton, chairman of the county Democratic executive committee, are all behind Mr. Carstarphen in an effort to aid him get a job. Back in the days just before Mr. Ehringhaus was sworn in office, Mr. Carstarphen sold his smoke shop here understanding that he would get a place in the government employ.

Dr. M. C. S. Noble, assistant director of the revenue department, eliminated Mr. Carstarphen from his list of eligibles with the remark that Mr. Carstarphen "didn't have enough education." And now the governor tells Mr. Bailey "that he will get him a place in another department if there is a vacancy."

Possibly Mr. Carstarphen is the only candidate in Washington County for a political job with the state. His efforts have been backed by a unanimous appeal of the leaders and the people here, but no favorable consideration has been accorded him as yet.

The new appointee of the State who came here from another section can do Mr. Ehringhaus but little good if he desires to run again and comes into this section making appeal for votes, as this little county is stirred with resentment, as it was thought sure this time they would get some recognition.

Mr. Bailey was boosted by some for a political office high up in the state affairs, but he was eliminated. W. R. Hampton possibly expected recognition from the Federal government, and this has not materialized, but there was little expectation but the failure of the governor to employ Mr. Carstarphen after stating that he would do so has irked the people here.

Failure of the officials to recognize this county this time has made some of the leaders here almost averse that they are in favor of letting the state candidates ride to their own fate and keep their affairs here in order themselves in elections to come.

Almost every one was unanimous here in the belief that this was the one time that Washington County would be appreciated in recent years. It has been a generation or more since this little eastern county has been in the limelight in State politics and with Ehringhaus from across the sound they thought this would break the monotony.

Six fowl pox vaccination demonstrations were held in Alamance County recently at which time a total of 1,500 pullets were vaccinated.

CALL MEETING IN SUPPORT OF THE DRY LAWS

Dr. J. W. Harrell Issues Regarding Meetings To Be Held September 3

Deploring the condition of the country before the enactment of the 18th amendment to the Constitution of the United States and calling for a gathering of the people in Washington County on September 3, 1933, Dr. J. W. Harrell, pastor of the local Methodist Church, and a member of the central committee of the United Dry Forces of North Carolina, issues the following statement:

"In the United States, under legalized liquor, there were 98 Keely institutes. They have been reduced to 11 under the 18th amendment, a decrease of 90 percent.

"There were 275 institutions in all for the treatment of alcoholic diseases, now there are only 68. Decrease in drunkenness caused 207 to close.

"In Chicago, during legalized liquor, the Washingtonian Home for Men, for drunkards, had 700 to 1,000 patients at a time, and had treated 300,000 drunkards. Since the 18th amendment it has been turned into a hotel. No patients.

"Wet Canada has, in proportion, three times as many automobile wrecks as dry United States, England four times as many, and German has six times as many.

"The revenue derived from the sale and manufacture of intoxicating liquor is a tax upon human misery. If the United States government could get this tax it means the return of the saloon. The national act submitting the question is for repeal.

"The last time this State voted, May 27, 1908, it voted dry by 44,196 and before women had the ballot. Platform of the dry forces says, 'We are against the evil and not against those who differ with us. To them, in other vocations and duties, we wish them God-speed!'

"Now the dry forces of North Carolina call upon all Democrats and Republicans and others on Sunday, September 3, 1933, to meet at some appointed place in Plymouth at 3 o'clock in the afternoon. Speakers of prominence will tell of the danger of the saloon, proclaim temperance and appeal for law observance and enforcement.

"This organization welcomes all who will to aid them in the purpose of keeping the country dry. It is non-partisan, non-political and inter-denominational. And we expect an overwhelming victory at the polls on November 7, 1933.

"Write to United Dry Forces of North Carolina, Room 3 Bland Hotel, Raleigh, N. C., and an answer will be received from Charles Ruffin, secretary and treasurer, or William Louis Poteat, of Wake Forest, president."

Garden Report Made for Pleasant Grove Club

By Mrs. Jim Davenport, Leader Pleasant Grove.—A recent check-up on gardening activities of the Pleasant Grove Demonstration club shows that the women of this club have a perfect understanding as to the necessity of a vegetable garden as well as the joy derived from watching the "fruit" of their work.

There is not a single home-maker in the club who hasn't a garden. Most of them are year-around gardeners; a very few have only the summer vegetables, and all of them are helping to balance meals and budgets.

One of our members has already one-half barrel of cucumbers in brine, another has served corned peas from her garden, and another is having butter beans to share with her neighbors, and those gardens that were practically dried up on account of the long hot spell, are being replanted in such vegetables as will help furnish the table in the early fall.

We are going to fill the jars given us by Miss Patterson (home agent) and in this way help to serve those less fortunate than we.

Miss Gibbs Hostess

Cherry.—Miss Teadie Gibbs delightfully entertained the following guests at a party in honor of Miss Elizabeth Skipwith, of Portsmouth, Va.; Misses Christine White, Kathleen Spruill, Rosalie Swain, Lucy Ray Spruill, Doris Snell, Elizabeth Skipwith, Ruth Burgess, Mayme and Mae Woodley; Messrs. Delbert Patrick, Bill Peel, Warren Simmons, Jennings Davenport, Plato Morris, Henry Caboon, Stanley Ainsley, Frank Brinkley, and Troy Snell.

Music and games were enjoyed throughout the entire evening, after which a delicious course of ice cream and cake was served.

Maxwell Announces New Sales Tax Rules Effective August 1st

UNIFORM SALES TAX SCHEDULE Applies to Every Retail Merchant

Less than 10 cents	No Tax
10 cents to 35 cents	1 cent
36 cents to 70 cents	2 cents
71 cents to \$1.05	3 cents

Above \$1.05, straight 3 per cent, fractions governed by major fraction.

This schedule to be applied to total sales at one trading period

Illustration: The tax of one cent on a ten cents purchase entitles the customer to buy other merchandise up to 35 cents of the same trading period without additional tax.

NO TAX ON FLOUR, MEAL, MEAT, LARD, MILK, MOLASSES, SALT, SUGAR, COFFEE, GASOLINE, FERTILIZER, PUBLIC SCHOOL BOOKS

This schedule is promulgated under authority of law, effective from and after August 1, 1933, and it is mandatory upon every merchant to collect this tax, and no more, in addition to the sales price of merchandise. This placard is furnished by the State Department of Revenue, to prevent unfair trade practices. Regulations require that this placard shall be kept posted by every merchant where it may be conveniently seen by the customer, and is intended to protect both merchant and customer.

Director of Sales Tax Division

DRIVERS GIVEN CERTIFICATES

Dozen School Truck Drivers in County Are Cited for Meritorious Work

Citations for meritorious service rendered to the community and to the State have been awarded to a dozen school bus drivers in Washington County by the Carolina Motor Club of Greensboro, it was learned today from James W. Norman, superintendent of public instruction.

These certificates have been given the boys in recognition of their good work as no-accident drivers during the last school term. The award is a beautifully printed document duly signed by C. V. Roberts, president of the motor club and D. A. Halsey, safety director.

The twelve boys to go through the term without a mishap are Bob Ayers, Edison Allen, S. F. Garrett, S. B. Lewis, Floyd Asbey, Charles Snell, Loomis Furlough, Hillie Davenport, Kenneth Chesson, Jilton Chesson, Earl Davenport and Willford Swain.

The boys were recognized for their observance of the following rules: drive on right side of road; mechanical inspection of bus daily; know that brakes are in good condition; keep bus under control; dead stop while taking on passengers; regulated speed; observe stop signals.

Also ample horn facilities; tires properly inflated; doors closed while in motion; bus properly ventilated and heated; two safety captains on bus to control passengers; operating on a safety schedule; windshield wiper working; use chains on tires in wet weather; keep mind on driving; demonstrate courtesy and caution.

It was further pointed out that the drivers did not drive too close to vehicles in front; not over 25 miles an hour; not to pass another vehicle if the speed was more than 20 miles an hour; and see 50 feet ahead of driver; not to converse; not to smoke nor allow passengers to smoke.

Special Services At Mount Zion Church

Roper.—A series of special services will be held at the Mount Zion Free Will Baptist church in the Mill Pond section beginning Wednesday, August 2, at 8 o'clock in the evening. Sermons will be heard each night until Sunday. Everybody is invited to attend, according to Rev. T. F. Davenport, pastor.

Surprise Shower

Pleasant Grove.—Misses Deanie Spruill and Jamie Riddick entertained at a surprise shower at the home of the former Friday afternoon in honor of Mrs. Marshall Spruill, a recent bride.

The guests assembled on the lawn, where various games and contests were enjoyed. Every one was then invited to join the bride on a treasure hunt, at the end of which she found many pretty and useful gifts.

Delightful refreshments were served by the hostesses.

CARL BAILEY IS ATTORNEY FOR HOME LOAN BANK

L. E. Hassell Is Appraiser; T. J. Swain, J. C. Gatlin, W. C. Whitley on Board

Application blanks and instructions are expected daily by Carl L. Bailey, who has been designated as attorney in Washington County for the Home Owner's Loan Corporation by Alan S. O'Neal, of Salisbury, state manager of the North Carolina Agency.

As the county attorney for this agency Mr. Bailey will examine titles and other necessary and similar work as an agent for such borrowers as the state agency from time to time may grant mortgage relief on their homes. This work is to be done on a fee basis not in excess of a schedule to be furnished by the mortgage agency.

Mr. O'Neal says: "We feel that our responsibility is somewhat in excess of that of the usual matters of such nature, for we are charged with the administration of the much needed relief provided by Congress at the suggestion of President Franklin Roosevelt to our distressed home owners."

"The people of our state need relief and encouragement in their struggle to save their homes and this agency must lend every possible concerted effort to promptly and efficiently carry out the purpose for which this corporation was created. In this work I sincerely trust we may have your determined and active cooperation."

"Completed applications should be mailed to the Greenville office of this organization. So that the people of your county may know that we are ready to lend every possible assistance and that you and an appraiser have been appointed, please give all possible newspaper announcement of the two appointments."

The name of the appraiser was not mentioned in the letter to Mr. Bailey, but the set-up in this county is learned as follows from other reports: L. E. Hassell, appraiser; C. L. Bailey, attorney; T. J. Swain, J. C. Gatlin, and W. C. Whitley on the advisory board.

Added Attraction at Local Theatre Thursday, Friday

An added attraction has been included in the program at the New Theatre here on Thursday and Friday of this week, with Shep Brinkley and his gang on the stage. Forty boys and girls of Plymouth will be in the cast. There will be snappy songs and dances including "42nd Street," and hits from "Gold Diggers of 1933." No extra charge in admission. The home talent will perform at 9 o'clock. A usual length picture will be shown also.

Sixty-Seven Counties Concerned in Sign-Up

Sixty-seven counties in North Carolina were busy signing cotton reduction contracts week before last, but the agents are now back on their routine duties.

UNIFORMITY IN RATES CHARGED ULTIMATE GOAL

Says Tax Developed Less Friction Than Was Expected

By A. J. MAXWELL
Three weeks of actual experience with the sales tax has developed less friction and difficulty than was generally anticipated.

Regulations governing the application of the tax were promulgated experimentally for the month of July only. It was expected that experience would suggest the need for revision of these rules. The July regulations have been unsatisfactory in the following particulars:

The use of a series of schedules has been confusing and has made uniformity of observance and practice difficult. Merchants in the same general class would fall into different schedules because one would have a larger percentage of sales below 10 cents than the other. For instance, schedule 3 applies to one drug store and schedule 4 to another.

Merchants not in the same general class carry some merchandise of the same class, which would add a tax in one store and not in the other by use of differing schedules.

Merchants having a large percentage of sales in the low-price group have not been able to collect the amount of the tax. Drug stores, for instance, using schedule 3, have collected only about two-thirds of their tax, and having to absorb one-third.

The July schedules were set up on the theory of setting the first taxable line as high as possible to avoid excessive rates of tax on small sales. To compensate the loss of tax on sales below the taxable line the use of a cumulative rule on purchases at one trading period was denied, so as to give the merchant an excess on taxable merchandise to make up the loss on non-taxable sales below the taxable line. This denial of the right of the customer to have the tax computed on the total of purchases made at one time, rather than upon each article, in many cases resulted in tax charges of 5 and 6 per cent when the total purchases were large enough to apply a straight 3 per cent. This was so confusing that many merchants elected not to use this advantage.

These experiences have been strongly persuasive in the direction of a single schedule for all merchants, starting with a lower taxable line for the benefit of merchants having a large volume of sales below the taxable line and making it adjustable to all merchants by using a higher top range in each bracket and giving the customer the benefit of a tax adjusted to the total sum of his purchases at one trading period.

Under the new rule now promulgated, it will not be possible for the merchant to include the tax in the price of each article of merchandise, because the amount of tax on a given article is not an exact sum, but will vary with reference to whether two or more purchases are made at the same time, and depends upon the total sum of such cumulative purchases. The single uniform schedule gives to the merchant the advantage of fair and uniform trade practice, and to the purchaser the advantage of a tax applied to his cumulative purchases as near to the 3 per cent tax paid by the merchant as can reasonably be applied. The rule does not require the use of coupons, stamps, or sales tickets, and can be easily applied by every merchant and easily understood by the customer.

Under this simple single uniform rule the customer can never be overcharged more than a fraction of a cent on any purchase or group of purchases, and is given a part of the break of fractions on taxable purchases and no tax on single purchases below 10 cents.

The general scope of this new schedule has been discussed with representative merchandising groups in the State, and has met with a very pleasing degree of approval and assurance of cooperation in its observance.

The practical unanimity with which it has been accepted by merchandising groups is a fine indication of their real desire to cooperate with any set of regulations that provide uniformity of practice and protects them from absorption of the tax, which was the clear intent of the General Assembly.

In the interest of uniform practice and understanding the new regulation has been put in the form of a placard

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