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\$707.80 Is Raised For Library Fund Here Up To Present Time

Drive for at Least \$1,000 to Continue Through Next Month

Late reports from the canvassers have swelled the fund for founding a public library in Williamston to \$707.80, the leaders of the movement stating today that the drive for pledges will continue through next month, when they hope that a total of at least \$1,000 will have been raised.

Plans for opening the library are underway, the leaders of the movement explaining that they hoped to have it established and operating some time in early February after all pledges have been met.

Those in active charge of the canvass express themselves as being well pleased with the response and offer their sincere thanks to those making contributions as well as to those who made the solicitations. The team of Messrs. Clayton and Whedbee, of the Lions club, made a record showing by raising about one-third of the total amount. In announcing the list of canvassers last week, the names of Mrs. G. H. Harrison and Mrs. W. K. Parker were left out through an oversight.

Contributions not previously acknowledged:

James Bullock, 1.00; Edna Barnhill, 1.00; Jane Parker, 2.00; C. B. Clark, Jr., 2.00; E. R. Fronberger, 2.50; J. L. Spencer, 5.00; Wm. C. Manning (Clyde), 5.00; H. O. Peele, 5.00; R. H. Goodmon, 5.00; Wheeler Martin, 5.00; J. F. Weaver, 5.00; Henry Harrison, 2.00; Enterprise, 10.00; J. W. Watts, 10.00; W. G. Peele, 5.00; L. E. Barnes, 1.00; W. M. Baker, 1.00; Ruth H. Norton, 1.00; J. L. Horner, 1.00; G. Barnhill, 1.00; A. P. White, 1.00; Hotel George Reynolds, 2.00; R. L. Cain, 2.00; B. S. Courtney, 10.00; C. D. Carstarphen, 10.00; C. G. Crockett, 5.00; Herman Bowen, 2.50; Jas. S. Rhodes, 10.00;

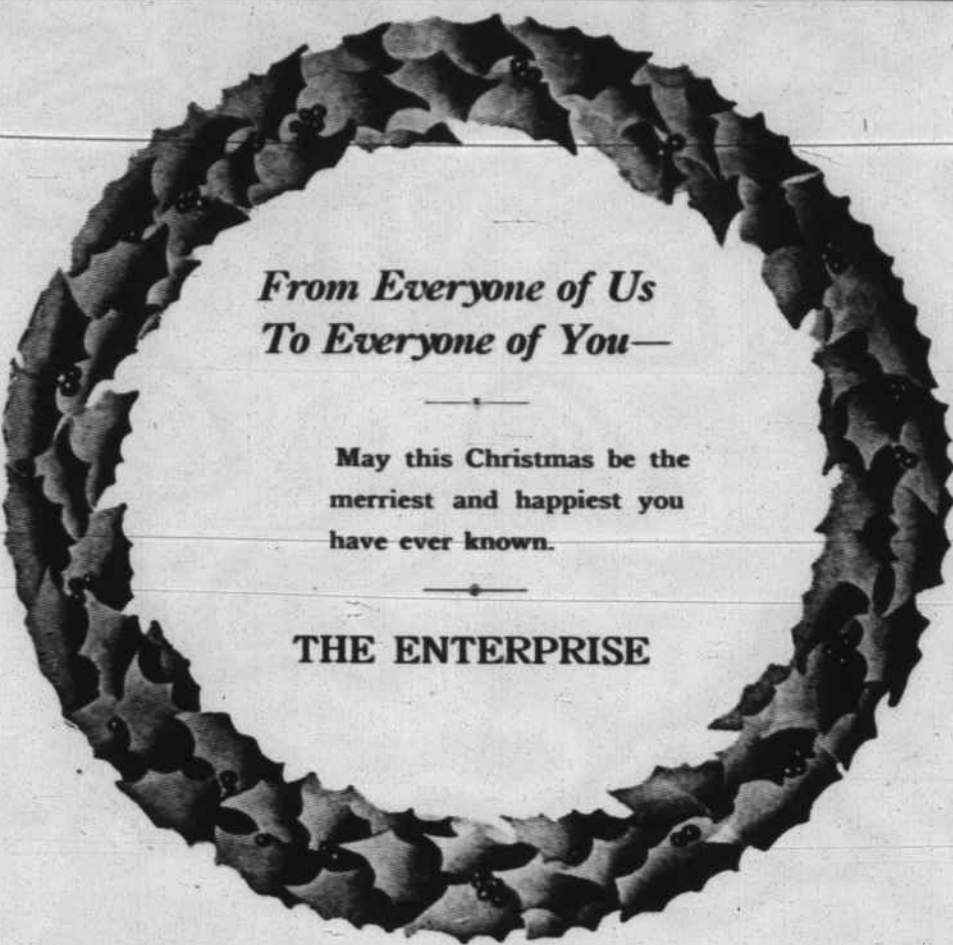
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Congress Ends Special Session Early Tuesday

Congress ended a hectic special session Tuesday without enacting into law any measures advanced by the administration. The farm bill rests in conference with no action expected until next year. The housing bill, passed Tuesday by the Senate, holds a similar status.



From Everyone of Us
To Everyone of You—

May this Christmas be the
merriest and happiest you
have ever known.

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Farm Loan Agencies Have Big Collections

More Than \$150,000 Lent To Farmers In County This Season

One Agency Has Collected Ninety-Nine Percent Of Its Loans

Agencies, lending money for crop production, report collections approximating 100 per cent in this county this season, and are now making loans for another year. Complete reports are not available from all three of the agencies, but the Washington Production Credit Corporation will experience no losses whatever in Martin County this season, Mr. N. K. Harrison, manager of the Williamston office, said this week.

"We lent approximately \$120,000 to Martin farmers for financing their 1937 farm program, and we have collected right at 99 per cent of that amount and payment is certain for the remainder within a few days," Mr. Harrison said. The loans were advanced to nearly 200 farmers.

The Washington Production Credit Association is already receiving applications for loans, and an increase in business is anticipated, according to Mr. Harrison. The association has ample funds for financing farm production, but its requirements are strict compared with requirements of some other agencies.

The Farm Rehabilitation Administration lent approximately \$28,000 in the county for financing 1937 farm operations, and to date it has collected nearly \$27,000. The remaining \$1,000 is represented mostly in peanuts not yet marketed. It is possible that the agency will experience a small loss, but collections this season are considered much better than they were a year ago.

No reports are available on the old Farm Feed-Seed Loan agency in this county. The loans were small, however, and due to the fact that they had no gilt-edge security behind them, it is thought that most of the money advanced by the agency has been collected in this county. Although these loans are secured only by crop liens, they have possibly done more to rehabilitate many farmers than the loans advanced by either of the other two agencies.

Continues III

W. C. Manning, Enterprise editor, continues quite ill at the home of his daughter, Mrs. E. S. Peel, here. No material change has been reported in his condition during the past several days.

County Court Is In Last Session Of Year On Monday

Judge Peel Will Hold Next Term on First Monday in January

Continuing quite a few cases and completing the trial of ten others, the county court on Monday ordered a suspension of its schedule until the first Monday in the New Year. With nearly a dozen cases on the docket awaiting disposition and with quite a few others expected before the holiday season is spent, the court is certain to face a large docket on January 3.

Charged with drunken and reckless driving, Lester Meeks pleaded guilty of the second count, the court continuing the case under prayer for judgment.

Judgment was suspended upon payment of cost in the case charging Jasper Cowan with driving while licenses was revoked.

Papers were issued for his arrest when A. D. Johnson, charged with drunken and hit-and-run driving, failed to answer when called.

Charged with disorderly conduct, L. B. Daniel was sentenced to the roads for three months, sentence to begin at the direction of the court.

Judgment was suspended upon payment of cost in the case charging Eli Rogers with damaging livestock.

H. H. Kinrey, charged with drunken driving, was sentenced to jail for ten days. He entered a plea of not guilty, and was given his release on Monday, he having served ten days in jail since his arrest.

Judgment was suspended upon payment of the costs of the case charging Wm. Hollis with violating the liquor laws.

Charged with violating the liquor laws, James Gilmore was fined \$25, taxed with one-half the costs and given a three months suspended sentence. He appealed, the court requiring bond in the sum of \$100. Ethel Gilmore, a second defendant in the case, was directed to pay one-half the cost, the court suspending a 60-day jail sentence. She appealed and bond was required in the sum of \$50.

Judgment was suspended in the case charging Eli Bryant with an assault. Bryant, about 70 years old, ran his wife from home and their four little children are said to have nearly starved. The man and wife are said to have made up just before the case reached the court for trial.

The case charging Mildred Walker with violating the liquor laws was not pressed.

Final Judgment Entered In \$15,000 Law Suit

A final judgment was entered a few days ago in the \$15,000 law suit brought by Miss Jean VanDeusen against Saunders. The verdict allowing the plaintiff \$1,000 and which Judge Burgwyn threatened to set aside if the insurance company did not increase the amount, was increased to \$1,500. The defense paid the cost of court.

The plaintiff alleged she was permanently injured in an auto accident at Chapel Hill two years ago.

SEND GREETINGS

Appreciative of the patronage accorded them and desiring to offer a token of good will, local merchants and other business firms here are extending greetings to all people of this section through the columns of this paper today.

A new hope and a greater understanding are created at Christmas time, and to enhance the value of these, the business forces of this town express, in a most sincere way, their wishes for a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. Read the little messages, without which Christmas would be no more than just another day in the year, and know that these firms are interested in your happiness at all times, and especially at this glad season of the year.

Christmas Cheer Fund Totals \$181

With \$181.70 in hand sponsors of the Christmas Cheer campaign took action Tuesday evening to effect purchases of fruits and food and to distribute them as far as they would go into the needy homes of this community. There's doubt if the task can be handled adequately, reports stating that additional calls are coming in rapidly for aid.

Colored citizens of the community contributed nearly \$30 to the fund this week, the Kiwanians and Lions adding \$46.29 to swell the total amount to \$181.70.

Contributions not previously acknowledged: Kiwanis club, \$25; Lions club, \$21.29; Jim King, George Harrison, W. H. Carstarphen, Miss Kate Philpot, Mrs. H. L. Barnhill, C. O. Moore, L. T. Williams, \$1 each; Mrs. C. A. James and L. T. Fowden, \$2 each; E. S. Peel, \$5.

Williams Chapel, A. M. E. Zion church, \$3; Biggs School, \$1.30; J. D. and Mary Gray, \$1.50; W. S. Faulk; Harvey Carroll and wife, E. B. Andrews, F. L. Allen, P. Bailey, A. Friend, and E. J. Hayes, \$1 each; Lela Chambers, A. L. Hayes, W. R. Blue, B. Ellison, E. V. McCloud, E. S. Simmons, R. N. Jackson, J. A. Holly, B. A. Cole, D. E. Chance, T. E. Walker, W. M. Jones, G. T. Hill, Shepard Rice, Sam Williams, Archie Latham, 50 cents each. The sponsors acknowledge a number of donations ranging in size from ten to forty cents. All are appreciated, and the sponsors will make every effort to make every penny count for the most good.

Report Needy Cases
That the collection of fruits and toys may be equally distributed and that no needy cases may be overlooked, the sponsors ask that needs of less fortunate families be reported to J. C. Manning or D. N. Hix at once. Those who will handle cases direct are also asked to notify the same parties to avoid duplication.

Christmas Programs Are Added Features In Schools, Churches

Children Reporting Happy Times at Christmas Celebrations

Christmas programs held in the schools and now underway in the various Sunday schools of the town and community are commanding first attention among the little folks, reports stating that the events already held proved very enjoyable and that others to come are awaited with keen anticipation.

The several grades in the schools had their individual trees, most of them holding their programs on Tuesday morning before the holiday recess at noon. Poems were read and songs were heard and enjoyed by the little folks. The exchange of gifts was effected. A number of parents and special visitors were present for the programs.

The first of the Sunday School Christmas programs here was held in the Presbyterian church, others following throughout the week.

Holiness
A Christmas program centering around the ten Virgins will be held in the Holiness church Saturday evening at 7:30 o'clock.

Methodist
A tree and program of songs and readings will be held in the Methodist church at 7:30 Thursday evening. On Saturday evening at the same hour, the Holly Springs church school will hold a similar program, Rev. S. A. Maxwell, pastor, announced.

Episcopal
Friday afternoon at 2 o'clock, the Episcopal Sunday school will hold its tree and render a program of songs.

Presbyterian
During the Christmas holidays Christmas programs have been and are yet to be held at the following missions of the Presbyterian church. A delightful program was held in the home of Mr. Gomer Harrison on Monday afternoon. The children put on their program after which the children were given presents and fruit by the church school.

On Tuesday night the church school of the Williamston church held its Christmas program. The feature of the program was a solo by Miss Sarah Manning. After the program the children were awarded gifts by Mr. E. P. Cunningham and Mrs. Z. T. Piephoff for attendance for one year at church school and presented the children with presents and fruit.

The young people of Bear Grass enjoyed a splendid Christmas program and tree on Tuesday night.

The Poplar Point church school program and tree will be enjoyed tonight (Wednesday) by the church school pupils. All children attending church school for 26 Sundays will be awarded gifts and everyone will be given a bag of fruit.

The Bear Grass church school will present its program and enjoy its tree on Wednesday night. Gifts and fruit will be given to all the church school pupils.

On Thursday night the Robertson's Chapel church school will gather for its annual Christmas tree and program. A delightful program has been arranged by the pupils here as well as at the other places. Gifts and fruit will be awarded to all pupils meeting the requirements.

Christian
The Philathea Bible class of the Williamston Christian church is sponsoring a Christmas party on Thursday evening at the church. The party will begin at 7:00. Around the Christmas tree will be sung songs and a Christmas story will be given. Then all members of the first four classes will be given presents and a treat. Santa Claus will be present to distribute the gifts.

No Meeting Of Lions Club Here Thursday

Offering the luncheon fund to the sponsors of the Christmas Cheer movement, the local Lions club will hold no meeting this week, President D. V. Clayton announces.

The Lions club will hold a joint meeting with the Kiwanians on Thursday of next week.

No Issue Of Enterprise Tuesday Of Next Week

Following an old, old custom, and one that is eagerly awaited by every member of the force, The Enterprise group will close shop Thursday for several days. There'll be no edition next Tuesday, but the old schedule will be followed after that time. The office will reopen next Tuesday.

Monthly Welfare Costs Are \$1,377 In County

JUDGING

Christmas decorations will be judged Thursday night, December 23, between the hours of 7:30 and 11 o'clock, it has been announced by those sponsoring the contest. Judges will come here from Windsor to declare the winners, and the \$50 in prizes will be announced next week. Checks are to be mailed the winners after Christmas. Contestants are asked to keep their lights burning during these hours.

There are 71 homes and yards decorated here so far, and others will carry a holiday dress. The decorations, including those on the municipal water tank, town hall and courthouse, are attracting favorable comment from a wide territory.

Aged Resident Dies At Her Home Here Tuesday Morning

Funeral Services Are Held At Home Wednesday Afternoon

Miss Delphia Peebles, one of Williamston's oldest and most highly respected citizens died at the home of her niece, Mrs. J. W. Watts, on Ray Street here at 5:45 Tuesday morning following a long period of declining health. She would have been 86 years old had she lived until Friday of this week. Despite her advanced age, Miss Peebles was unusually active until about four years ago when she fell and broke her hip, but her condition was not considered critical at any time until last Friday when she became suddenly worse.

The daughter of the late Major and Caroline Peebles, she was born in Pitt County, near Greenville, where she spent her early life. When a young woman she moved with her family to Craven county, later moving to Williamston to make her home with Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Watts.

About half century ago she joined the Presbyterian church in Falkland, and was one of the charter members of the church here. Miss Peebles possessed a sweet character and was held in high esteem by all who knew her. She made friends readily among both old and young. She walked humbly before her maker and found peace and hope in following his teachings. Hers was a good life well lived, one that exemplified patience and understanding of others.

She is survived by one sister, Mrs. W. T. Hunter, of Williamston. She also leaves eight nieces and nephews. Their names are, Mrs. J. C. Lyons, of Chapel Hill; Mrs. J. W. Watts, Mrs. J. G. Godard, of Williamston, and Messrs. Howard Wadsworth, of New Bern, Albert Wadsworth, of Ermita, Cuba; John Wadsworth, of Floyd, Va.; J. W. Hunter, of Greensboro, and Glenn Peebles, of Macclesfield.

Funeral services were conducted from the late home Wednesday afternoon at 3 o'clock by her pastor, Rev. Z. T. Piephoff. Interment was in the Baptist cemetery here.

Plans Pending For Peanut Storage Space

Plans are still pending for opening additional warehouses here for the storage of peanuts with the government. The Roanoke-Dixie warehouse rental committee is meeting Wednesday evening in an effort to effect arrangements for storing several thousand bags in that house.

Opening in Everetts yesterday, a storage house received comparatively few deliveries, but other receiving centers reported large deliveries. It is understood that receiving houses in nearby counties may possibly suspend activities shortly as they are filled nearly to capacity.

Small Child Bitten By Dog Here This Week

Linden Ward, young son of Mr. and Mrs. Roy Ward, was attacked by a dog at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Carstarphen here this week and badly hurt. The dog bit part of the little fellow's ear off, doctors taking eight stitches to sew it back.

State And Federal Agencies Pay \$1600 To Needy In County

Sixty-one Old People in County Now Drawing Small Amounts

Martin County, state and federal governmental agencies spent \$2,975.72 to support the combined welfare and public assistance program in this county last month, a report recently released by Superintendent of Welfare Mary Taylor, discloses. The total cost to Martin County was \$1,377.92, this amount including expenditures for administration, old age assistance, aid to dependent children and the blind, county home, hospitalization and direct relief.

In addition to the \$1,377.92 spent from the county funds, the welfare department solicited from private sources during the month nearly \$100 for the purchase of glasses for needy children. During October and November, agencies outside the county contributed \$692 for the hospitalization of the county's charity patients.

The program costs to this county were divided as follows: Administration costs, including \$150 salary for the superintendent and \$100 to case worker, amounted to \$352.95, this sum including clerk hire and travel expenses. Office expenses amounted to \$28.33. The total cost of operating the county home including \$90 salary of the keeper was \$327.89. Direct relief amounted to \$150.42. Hospitalization cost amounted to \$289.18. The county spent for its part in supporting the old age assistance program, \$115.50. Aid to dependent children cost \$45.00 and aid to blind cost \$48.25.

Ninety-one applications for old age assistance have been filed in this county. Sixty-one applicants received checks last month amounting to \$462.00 of which amount the State and Federal governments paid all but \$115.50. Fifty children received aid in the amount of \$135, the county paying \$45 as its part. The 17 blind persons in the county participating in the program received \$193, the State and Federal governments paying all but \$48.25.

The average amount received by those participating in the old age assistance program is only \$7.86 a month in this county, or \$1.44 less than the average in the State. The average grant to dependent children sharing in the program was \$2.70 or an amount \$2.46 below the State average. The 17 blind persons received on an average, \$11.36.

When all the applications for old age assistance, aid to dependent children and aid to the blind are finally accepted, the welfare costs to the county, State and Federal governments will be around \$3,235 a month in this county.

Aged Citizen Dies In Robersonville

Mrs. Martha Harvell White, 94 years old, died at her home in Robersonville last Friday afternoon following a long period of declining health.

Mrs. White, traveling in a covered wagon, came to this section of North Carolina from Alabama when she was 12 years old. She married M. G. White at Scotland Neck just before the War between the States broke out. Her husband was called to war, and after the conflict they moved to Pitt county where they lived a short time. They later moved to this county and after a stay of two years at Peel's Mill, now the Old Mill Inn on the Washington Road, they settled near Everetts. His health broken, Mr. White moved his family to Robersonville in 1914, dying just a few days later. Mrs. White continued to make her home there until her death.

Mrs. White's mother was a member of the Kitchin family, long prominent in the state's affairs.

Funeral services were conducted in the Primitive Baptist church in Robersonville last Saturday afternoon by Elders Grimes, Cowan and Ayers. Burial was in the family plot on the old home farm, near Everetts.

Five children, Mr. Z. D. F. White and Mrs. C. S. Johnson, of Robersonville; Mrs. W. M. Leary, of Hickory, Va.; Mrs. C. H. Brown of Rocky Mount, and Mrs. W. H. Holliday of Raleigh, survive. She also leaves twenty-one grandchildren and twenty-three great-grandchildren.