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Emergency Canvass For The Red Cross Now Totals \$2,881.00

Chairman Spivey Says Drive Is Virtually Complete in The Entire Chapter

Called upon for \$2,000, citizens, white and colored, in the five townships comprising the Martin County Chapter of the American Red Cross went over the top in a very definite way, Chairman Spivey announcing late yesterday that a total of \$2,881.46 had been collected for the emergency war relief fund.

Possibly no other call for funds will be received immediately, but the local chapter is making ready to carry on its production work in the sewing room in the Woman's Club building. Increased support for the project is needed there.

Announcing that all reports on the recent canvass are in with the exception of possibly one or two stragglers only, Chairman Spivey again extends hearty thanks to those who aided the work either by canvassing or contributing or both. Mr. Spivey stated that willing workers were found in all five of the townships of Jamesville, Williams, Griffins, Bear Grass and Williamston, that Mrs. Camille Fleming Turner, Mrs. Walter Brown and Mrs. C. A. Askew ably handled the drive in Jamesville, that Bolton Cowen, Lorene Weaver and Mildred Hedrick volunteered their services in preparing the copied lists. In announcing the list of workers among the colored citizens, Chairman Spivey stated that W. V. Ormond, Cleopatra Andrews Tyner, Mary S. Gray and E. J. Hayes headed the committee, that in addition to others, Mary D. Smith, Ethel Alexander, Sallie Jordan and Bertie Mae Brown turned in collections.

Up until the last report, a total of \$2,741.70 had been turned in to Treasurer Herman Bowen. Since that time additional collections, boosting the total to \$2,881.46, were reported as follows:

- Jamesville—White**
P. C. Barber, \$1; W. J. Holliday, \$1; C. A. Askew, 50c; Mrs. C. A. Askew, 50c; P. J. Modlin, \$3; Sam Goddard, \$1; C. W. Mizelle, \$1; Ona Pearl Stallings, \$1; R. L. Stallings, \$2; Mrs. E. W. Gardner, \$1; R. G. Sexton, \$1; Luther Hardison, \$2; L. C. Brown, \$1; J. A. Gardner, \$1; P. M. Holliday, \$1; Daniel Hardison, \$1; Tony Cooper, \$1; W. L. Brown, \$5; E. H. Ange, \$1; Watson Walters, \$1; Delma Wallace, \$1; P. C. Blount, Jr., \$1; C. G. Gurkin, \$1; Proceeds from dance, \$15.50; Dick Rogers, 25c; W. H. Moore, \$1; J. H. Dickerson, 50c; J. W. Martin, \$1; H. G. Modlin, \$1; Sam Modlin, 25c; R. C. Barber, \$1; C. W. Moore, \$1; L. C. Gardner, \$1; Ben Peel, \$1; Charlie Russell, 25c; Fred Calloway, \$1; E. N. Hardison, \$1; L. M. Brown, \$1; F. C. Stallings, \$3; H. M. Holliday, \$1; Lee Holliday, 25c; W. F. Holliday, \$1; G. L. Cooper, \$1; Archie Hardison, \$1; L. P. Holliday, \$1; Mrs. B. F. Lilley, \$1; W. C. Wallace, \$1; G. M. Anderson, \$1; Clyde Modlin, \$1; Joe Mizelle, 50c; Titus Martin, \$1.

- Williamston—White**
Rose's 5, 10 and 25c Store, \$5; Albert Perry, 25c; S. D. Crisp, \$1.
- Bear Grass—White**
W. W. Whitehurst, \$1.
- Williamston—Colored**
Poplar Point School, \$2.35; W. H. Manson, \$1; Lucky Hooker, 50c; Irene Bryant, \$1; Mary S. Gray, \$4; Maud Alexander, \$9.15; Mattie Ormond, \$4.06; Tom Ryan, 25c; Cherry Johnson, 25c; Walterine Bell, 25c; May Lizzie, 25c; A. Friend, 25c; Thad Newsom, 50c; Rev. Chas. Stokes, \$1; May Purvis, \$1; Willie Butts, 50c; Caesar Purvis, 50c; Lucy Melton, 25c; Bettie Lee Williams, 25c; Other Donations, \$1.50; Bessie McIntyre, 25c; Horace Davis, 25c; Carol Jenkins, 25c; William Hicks, 25c; Norman Hodges, 10c; Robert Turner, 15c; Leonard Britton, 25c; Willie Pionyer, 10c; James Slade, 25c; Rev. A. R. Smith, 25c; Rev. Geo. McNair, 25c; George Gorham, 10c; Linda Newell, 25c; Wheeler Latham, 25c; Gilford Slade, \$1; Mary D. Smith, \$2.65; Bartheina Bennett, 25c; John Respess, 50c; Tom Moye, 25c; Lizzie Harris, 25c; Eva Spruill, 25c; Delie Stokes, 25c; Edmond Slade, 25c; George Davenport, 50c; Joe Ballance, 25c; Novella Bonds, 25c; Eva B. Everett, 25c; Ruth Page, 25c; Noah Purvis, 25c; Effie Everett, 25c; Henry Everett, 25c; Robert Everett, 25c; Donations, \$2.20; Australia Gorham, 50c; Ransom Green, 25c; Bill Gorham, 25c.

Education Board In Regular Meet

Holding a "routine" meeting here yesterday, the Martin County Board of Education discussed very little business and adjourned within a short time.

Mr. John Mobley, whose daughter was fatally injured in an accident on the Everetts school grounds last September, appeared before the board and discussed the tragedy. It is possible that the board will send a committee before the county commissioners at their next meeting to discuss the possibility of awarding damages or expenses resulting from the accident. In discussing the death of his little girl, Mr. Mobley stressed the need for getting injured children to doctors without delay.

Advance Tentative Plans For Rationing Of Tires In County

Appointed by Governor Broughton last week, the Martin County tire rationing board meeting in the agricultural building Monday morning perfected its organization by electing C. C. "Frosty" Martin, of Jamesville, chairman, and making tentative plans for handling its work. Messrs. J. A. Everett, of Palmyra, and Herbert L. Roebuck, of Cross Roads, members were also present for the meeting.

While definite plans for handling the rationing work and setting up an office will not be formulated until tomorrow morning, the board did name Patrolman Whit Saunders temporary inspector, and arranged to have Clerk of Court L. B. Wynne receive the applications for the present.

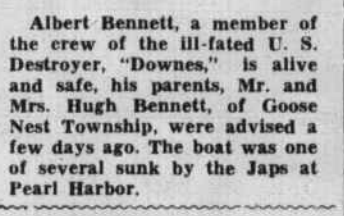
The board will start functioning next Monday, January 12th, and will be guided by official interpretations of the tire rationing regulations issued by the Office of Price Administration in Washington.

Draft Board To Plan For New Registration

The registration machinery will be studied by the draft board in the meeting tomorrow. Called to register on February 16, all men between the ages of 20 and 44 will be made subject to active military duty. The order, issued under the amended Selective Service Act, will create a new reservoir of 10,000,000 men from which fighting forces can be drawn for the Army, Navy and Marine Corps.

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Albert Bennett, a member of the crew of the ill-fated U.S. Destroyer, "Downes," is alive and safe, his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Hugh Bennett, of Goose Nest Township, were advised a few days ago. The boat was one of several sunk by the Japs at Pearl Harbor.

Local Board Town Commissioners In Meet Last Evening

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POTATOES

Farmers are unable to understand the weakness surrounding the sweet potato market this season. While food prices in the retail outlets continue to climb, sweet potato prices are holding to a low figure, and it is understood that comparatively few sales have been made.

A new buyer, the Corbett Company, is entering the market in this section, and it is believed that the price will reflect added strength. No official quotations have been released, but according to reports farmers have been offered 75 cents a bushel when dumped into trucks and \$1 a bushel for bushel packs.

sale grocers used to make deliveries to retailers, and trucks used by newspapers to make deliveries of newspapers in wholesale lots to newsdealers.

Trucks used for the delivery of single papers in homes in rural areas, passenger cars used by wholesale grocers to make deliveries or to solicit sales, passenger cars used by traveling purchasers of scrap iron, cars used to deliver telegrams in rural areas, passenger cars used to repair telegraph lines, and hearses are not eligible for tires.

Seconds of new tires and tubes are classified as tires. Even if the purchaser has made part or full payment on tires, he can't get them. Tires now owned and in possession of a fleet operator can be transferred from one of his garages to another or from truck to truck. Tire dealers may not exchange white wall tires owned by them for black wall tires owned by automobile dealers.

The local board has no discretion in extending the list of eligible classes, but this can be done only through Leon Henderson, Office of Price Administration in Washington. D. C. Bicycle tires are not included within the scope of rationing regulations.

Will Register Men From 20 To 44 In County February

Registration for Those Between 18-21, and 45-64 To Be Registered Later

Tentative plans for registering all men in Martin County between the ages of 20 and 44, inclusive, will be formulated by the draft board at a special meeting here tomorrow night. The registration has been scheduled for Monday, February 16th. At the meeting tomorrow night, the draft board will reclassify all men now in the I-H class or those men who were deferred because they were 28 years or older.

It is now believed that the February 16 registration will be held in accordance with plans governing the registration held back in October, 1940, meaning that places of registration will be set up in the various districts and that volunteers will handle the work. Other details for perfecting the registration machinery will be studied by the draft board in the meeting tomorrow.

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County Missionary Is Detained By Japanese

Miss Laura Clark, of Hamilton, is one of four Episcopal missionaries who are being detained by the Japanese in Wuhu, China, it was learned here recently. A China missionary for years, Miss Clark, sister-in-law of the Rev. Mr. Jordan, former Episcopal rector here, and sister of Messrs. Henry and Irving Clark, of Scotland Neck, visited in the county a few years ago. She is the daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. Henry I. Clark.

No word has been received by relatives in this section in recent weeks, as far as it could be learned here.

This Week In Defense

Twenty-six nations, including the U. S., Britain, Russia and China, signed an agreement pledging their military and economic resources in a finish fight against the Axis and banning any separate peace. The nations also subscribed to "a common program of purposes and principles" embodied in the Roosevelt-Churchill "Atlantic Charter."

The signatories of the declaration include Australia, Belgium, Canada, Costa Rica, Cuba, Czechoslovakia, the Dominion Republic, Salvador, Greece, Guatemala, Haiti, Honduras, India, Luxemburg, the Netherlands, New Zealand, Nicaragua, Norway, Panama, Poland, South Africa and Jugoslavia. The declaration may, it said, be "adhered to by other nations which are, or which may be, rendering material assistance and contributions to the struggle for victory over Hitlerism."

The War Front
The Navy said it had evacuated Cavite and the Army announced Japanese troops entered Manila which earlier in the week had been declared an open city by General MacArthur, commanding the U. S. Forces in the Far East. Before entry of the Japanese, American and Philippine troops were withdrawn and all defense installations removed or destroyed.

General MacArthur earlier reported the enemy had "mercilessly bombed" churches, hospitals, convents, schools and other civilian installations in Manila after it was declared an open city, whereas they had only attempted bombing military installations previously. The President sent a message to the Philippine Islands pledging that their "freedom shall be redeemed and their independence established and protected." During the week, the Navy reported sinking two additional enemy ships and said three U. S. destroyers were attacked, but only slightly damaged.

Production For War
OPM reported \$78,212,000,000 has been authorized for war purposes. The President told a press conference that although present spending is at the rate of 27 per cent of the estimated 1942 national income of \$100,000,000,000 production will be stepped up so that by next July 1 the nation will be spending at the rate of \$50,000,000,000 a year—or half the national income.

Asked about reports that Canadian, British and U. S. production would be pooled, resulting virtually in the end of the Lend-Lease program as such, the President said that military resources have been pooled since the Japanese attack. The matter of repayment would be adjusted, he said, and would largely depend on where the articles sent other nations were used.

Ships
The Maritime Commission said the ship-a-day goal in launchings of new ships has been reached and by the second quarter of 1942 delivery

President Delivers Message On State Of Union Today

Addressing a joint session of the United States Congress early this afternoon in which he reviewed the state of the Union, President Franklin Roosevelt declared that he was proud to say the spirit of our people had never been higher than it was today, that we are knitted more closely together and that that unity will be sustained until our security is established.

In his address lasting almost 45 minutes, the Chief Executive told about the programs followed by Japan during the past fifty years, and how Hitler and Mussolini had collaborated to dominate the world. To meet that danger, 26 nations have already joined together, and from now on it will not be an isolated war, for the day of destroying nations one by one is gone. "We will strike the common enemy wherever we can do him the most damage," the President said, adding that American forces could be expected to take part in the Far East, in the British Isles, on the seas and in other places.

To accomplish victory much readjustment will be necessary, the President declaring that it can be done and that it will be done. American production, according to the Chief Executive, "will go into high gear this year, not next, and will increase airplane output to 60,000, or 10,000 more than the set goal. In 1943 plane production will reach 125,000 planes."

Tank production in 1942 will total 45,000 units and 75,000 in 1943. Anti-aircraft guns will be manufactured this year in the number of 20,000 and 55,000 next year. Eight million tons of merchant shipping will be launched this year, and next year it will be ten million tons. The figures for other war efforts will be similar. "These

Local Young Men Will Enter Army Air Service

Messrs. Dick Miller and Lawrence P. Lindsley, Jr., have been tentatively accepted for service in the Army Air Corps. The two young men, volunteering their services, passed the preliminary physical examinations in Norfolk last Friday.

Volunteering for service in the Navy Air Corps, another local young man, E. P. Cunningham, Jr., was rejected on account of a minor physical defect. The young man plans to undergo an operation within the next few weeks and re-apply for admission in the service, it was learned.

Martin County People Asked To Collect Scrap Metal Urgently

Plans Go Forward For Holding Presidential Ball In County

The local campaign will be handled by the committee with the cooperation of the Woman's Club and the Junior Woman's Club. These organizations contributed largely to the success of the campaign last year.

Present plans call for the usual "March of Dimes" program to be followed by a Birthday Ball on the night of President Roosevelt's birthday, January 30th. In addition, plans are being made for entertainments with various county school organizations participating.

Last year Martin County made its best showing since the President's birthday celebration was inaugurated and the committee in charge has high hopes of even greater success on the sixtieth "Diamond Jubilee" birthday of our great leader, Franklin D. Roosevelt.

Dr. E. T. Walker and W. I. Skinner will serve as co-chairmen for the committee for the celebration of the President's Birthday held for the National Foundation for Infantile Paralysis. The committee reports that plans are almost complete in Martin County. Miss Bernice Everett will act as City Chairman for Robersonville.

District chairmen are as follows and they have been asked to serve in their respective localities: D. N. Hix in Williamston, L. W. Anderson in Robersonville, D. W. Gaskill in Everetts, Mrs. Annie P. Roberson in Gold Point, H. M. Ainsley in Oak City, J. Howard Bunn in Hamilton, George S. Hanslip in Hassell, J. T. Uzzle in Jamesville, R. P. Martin in Farm Life, T. O. Hickman in Bear Grass, and E. J. Hayes, colored, in Williamston.

Blast Furnaces Are Closed By Shortage In Basic Materials

Government—Representative Says Unified Movement Will Relieve Situation

With shortages in basic materials closing down blast furnaces in several parts of the country, defense leaders are again calling upon the people for unified action. This time they are being asked to collect every available piece of scrap iron and deliver it to the dealers.

Mapping plans with the office of the county agent for a concerted drive into every nook and corner in the county, Dave Weaver of the State College Extension Service, this week described the need for old scrap iron as serious. Mr. Weaver came into the county just after it had been announced that some furnaces had been closed down in Ohio and Pennsylvania because there was no scrap iron for "seasoning" purposes.

Advised that some farmers in this county would deliver their old scrap metal and donate it to the government, Mr. Weaver said that was not expected. He pointed out that some of the aluminum collected and contributed in the name of defense was so long in reaching its destination, he thought it advisable and no more than right to handle through regular licensed dealers who have the equipment for handling and shipping the metal. Some of it will have to be broken up and graded if it is to be made ready immediately for the furnaces whose stocks are now depleted.

Mr. Weaver also pointed out that the mills are getting a profit on the goods turned out by them, and that it is no more than fair for the farmer to get enough for the metal to pay the delivery charge to the dealers. Mr. Weaver pointed out that scrap iron prices are being controlled and that the dealers are not making fabulous profits in handling it.

The government representative while in the county declared that the seriousness of the problem is centered in the shortage of the material. It is not so important how it gets there, but it is important that the material gets to those points where it is needed.

This is no time to hold back and wonder why we shipped, so much scrap to the Japs, or why our "able" industrialists should let a situation as serious as this one explode in our face. The task at hand is to get all scrap iron to county dealers. No definite date for handling the collection has been mentioned, but don't delay in moving every old valueless piece of scrap iron to the dealers.

The following information was released by Mr. Weaver during his visit in this county:

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Johnson Resigns To Take Defense Job In Talledega, Alabama

County Commissioners in All-Day Session Handling Routine Duties

Prompted by defense and war itself, changes common in business personnel are now following in the county's governmental set-up. While business may be having some difficulty in filling positions made vacant by Army cases, the Martin County commissioners had no trouble in filling the position of county solicitor at their regular meeting here yesterday.

Called to a defense project in Talledega, Alabama, Don E. Johnson, for almost two terms county prosecutor, tendered his resignation to the commissioners at their regular meeting. Paul D. Roberson, well-known county attorney of Robersonville, was named to fill the post for the unexpired term. The appointment was by unanimous vote. The new appointee entered upon his duties at the regular session of the county court Monday.

Japs Are Pushing Nearer Singapore In Pacific Fight

Telling Blows Against Pacific Barbarians By the American Air Force

Despite heavy losses suffered on land and sea and in the air, the yellow Japs are pushing nearer the important base of Singapore, late reports declaring that the Pacific barbarians were gradually establishing air bases closer to the strategic allied base. Despite recent Japanese gains on the Malaya Peninsula, the allied forces re-stated their confidence in protecting Singapore, but it was admitted that the province of Selangor was being threatened by the Japs who had landed detachments of troops in caves along the Malayan west coast over the weekend; the Japs had landed forces at Sarawak to aggravate the situation on Borneo.

In connection with its Malayan drive, the Japs made fantastic claims in the Philippines. According to their reports, more than 350 American planes have been destroyed, leaving a mere handful in operation.

NO EXEMPTION

Dependency, gained by marriage on or after the 8th of last month, will not be recognized by the United States Army, according to a special ruling received from draft headquarters by the county draft board this week. It is possible, however, that dependency acquired prior to that time and usually referred to as a "shot gun wedding" will possibly be recognized as grounds for deferment, according to instructions accompanying the ruling.

The ruling does not affect those young men who marry, and who have dependents already.

Tire Bootlegging Is Reported In County

According to unofficial reports heard here this week, the bootlegging of automobile tires is underway in the county. No proof has been offered to support the reports, but several filling station operators were heard to say that they had placed numbers of new tires on rims during the past few days.

As far as it could be learned no applications for tires have been filed with the rationing board in this county. It has been pointed out that there is little use for the "average" car operator to apply for permission to buy a new tire.