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Red Cross Campaign Is Almost Complete In the Chapter Now

Total of \$7,374.43 Reported By Chairman Spivey Late Monday

The drive to raise \$6,200 for the American Red Cross War Fund in this chapter was announced just about complete late yesterday by Fund Drive Chairman V. J. Spivey. Up until that time a total of \$7,374.43 had been raised, the amount exceeding the assigned quota by \$1,174.43. All quotas have been met except one, and the colored citizens in the combined five townships comprising the Martin County Chapter are expected to file a complete report within a short time.

The following figures offer a fairly complete picture of the campaign as of late yesterday:

| Quota | Amt raised | % |
|------------------|------------|---------|
| Jamesville | \$ 600 | 692.70 |
| Williams | 150 | 153.57 |
| Griffins | 500 | 544.35 |
| Bear Grass | 500 | 533.85 |
| Macedonia S. S. | | 25.00 |
| Williamston | 3650 | 5181.85 |
| Colored Citizens | 800 | 243.11 |

\$6200 \$7374.43

According to Chairman Spivey, the drive is complete in Jamesville, Williams, Griffins and Bear Grass. One report is awaited in Williamston, and the colored citizens are yet to submit a complete report.

Some delay in preparing the names of the contributors was experienced at first, but they are now coming in by the thousands. The gifts will be acknowledged down to the last penny, but it will take time. The following contributions were made in Williamston:

Mrs. Sadie W. Peel, \$5; Mrs. W. R. Glover, \$1; Helen S. Roberson, \$2.50; Mrs. Mabel Peed, \$10; Wheeler Martin, \$15; Farmville-Woodward Lumber Co. employees, \$25; Clifton Manning, 10c; M. D. Barefoot, \$2; Henry Jones, \$1; Bunk Burroughs, \$1.50; Mrs. Joe Taylor, \$1; Minnie Winberry, 25c; E. R. Chesion, \$1; Ira Peed, \$1; J. H. Culpcher, 25c; Bell Wallace, \$1; J. W. Bland, \$1.50; Henry Mizell, Jr., \$1.50; Mr. and Mrs. A. L. Harrison, 50c; Mr. and Mrs. Lester Bland, \$1.30; Mrs. C. B. Bonds, 50c; Robert L. Mizell, 10c; Mr. and Mrs. Ira Price, \$2; W. S. Bailey, \$1; Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Modlin, \$1.50; Mrs. Gaston Savage, \$1; Mr. and Mrs. George Gardner, \$1; Mr. and Mrs. Herman Biggs, \$1; Mrs. Alfred Griffin, \$1.50; Mrs. Carrie Peaks, \$3; Willie Delmar Rodger, \$1; Mrs. W. M. Bowen, \$2; Mrs. Dennis Biggs, 25c; Mrs. Mollie Biggs, 50c; Theodore Bowen, 10c; Pattie Price, \$1; Mrs. R. S. Price, Sr., \$5; Mrs. Leona Mizell, \$1; Mr. and Mrs. Ed Latham, \$1; Mr. and Mrs. Chester Nicholson, \$1; Mr. and Mrs. John Whitton, \$2; Mr. and Mrs. M. A. Price, \$5; Mrs. N. C. Green, \$10; Mrs. Annabelle Brown, \$1; Mrs. Oscar Anderson, \$1; Oscar Anderson, \$1; Mrs. David Davis, \$1; Betty Davis, \$1; Mrs. C. B. Clark, Sr., \$1; Mrs. C. A. Harrison, \$2; Mrs. C. B. Clark, Jr., \$1; Mrs. J. C. Cooke, \$1; Geo. L. Brown, 25c; Mrs. C. E. Jenkins, Sr., \$1; Mrs. E. Jenkins, Jr., \$1; Levi Rogers, 5c; Allen Van Landingham, 50c; Lizzie Dancy, 25c; Luther Nicholson, 5c; John Nicholson, \$1; Dillon Wynne, \$1; Mr. and

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Newbold Reviews Progress of Negro Education in State

Educational Opportunity for Colored About Equal

Addressing a small but interested group at a good meeting in the local colored high school last Sunday afternoon, Dr. N. C. Newbold, director of the Division of Negro Education in the State Department of Education, Raleigh, reviewed the progress of Negro education in North Carolina since 1938. He was quoted as saying that today this State is giving the Negro almost the identical educational opportunity as the whites are receiving.

His address followed seminar talks made by Attorneys E. S. Peel and Hugh G. Horton.

Dr. Newbold paid a tribute to this community for its study of race relations and cited this section's part in state affairs. It was his opinion that what is done in the field of education reacts closely on race relations and he cited certain standards for the two races in the field of education as being almost identical.

He pointed out that the Rockefeller Foundation, through the State Department of Education, gives two million dollars to the schools of North Carolina, one million going to the white and one million going to the Negro schools.

The length of term is the same, and the number of children in average daily attendance per teacher is about the same. There is little difference in the courses of study and credits in elementary and high school and in teacher training and certification.

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Seven County Young Men Are Called by the Navy This Week

Seven Martin County white men left yesterday for Raleigh where they will report for assignments in the United States Navy. They were the first white men drawn from the Navy manpower pool in this county, and incidentally, the call depleted the reserve built up prior to March 10th.

Three of the recruits are married and each leaves one child behind. Four of the group are in their teens and are all single. Their names are: Hubert A. Satterfield, Williamston; Malcolm Thurston Simpson, Williamston and Greenville; William Leslie Riddick, Robersonville and Bethel; Rasby Rudolph Hopkins, Everetts; Floyd Dewey Warren, Fobersonville, and Joseph Saunders Gurganus, Williamston. These men reported for their pre-induction examinations on February 22 along with a large number of other men,

fourteen of whom were accepted by the Army. According to information heard by the Army, are scheduled to report for induction on Tuesday of next week.

No pre-induction call for white men has been received in the county for April, but it is understood that a fairly small number of colored men are to report for pre-induction on Friday of this week. The definite number could not be learned, but it is understood that between 22 and 35 are being called. It is also understood that a call for a fairly sizable number of colored men has been received, that they are scheduled to report for their pre-induction examinations the latter part of next week, possibly on Saturday. It is quite likely that the calls will include mostly single and non-farmer farmers in the 18-25 age group.

Election Officials For May Primary Chosen

THE RECORD SPEAKS . . .

For the second time this year, no accidents were reported on Martin County highways last week, but despite the perfect score for the two weeks, the 1944 accident record to date holds an edge over the figures for the corresponding period in 1943.

The following tabulations offer a comparison of the accident trend: first, by corresponding weeks in this year and last and for each year to the present time.

| 12th Week Comparison | | | |
|----------------------|------|---|--------|
| 1944 | 1943 | 0 | \$ 000 |
| 1944 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| 1943 | 1 | 0 | 75 |
| Comparison To Date | | | |
| 1944 | 13 | 4 | 2775 |
| 1943 | 9 | 4 | 1075 |

Russians Drive Back To Beginning Point Of War In Rumania

Cassino Campaign Conceded A Failure by Army's Newspapers

Starting a drive fourteen months ago, the Russians have marched nearly one thousand miles to drive the Germans back to the starting point of the war on June 22, 1941, in Rumania. The Russians have thrust the Germans out of the greatest part of prewar Rumania, tumbling them over the Prut River on the old Rumanian frontier along a sector more than 50 miles wide.

During the past three weeks, the Red Armies have driven across the Bug and Dniester rivers, captured Nikolaev to the south, and are now believed making ready for a drive on Warsaw Poland. The enemy at Tarnopol in Poland is surrounded, and the march on that great rail center of Lwow is expected to roll forward again soon.

Hitler is said to be working at a feverish pitch in an effort to reorganize the transportation system in the Balkans apparently with the intention of launching a counteroffensive south of the Carpathians.

The Italian drive, after eleven days of fierce fighting, has been conceded a failure. However, it is ad-

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Native of County Dies In Norfolk

Eli Benjamin Bowen, native of this county, died in a Norfolk hospital Sunday morning at 7:20 o'clock. He had been in declining health for some time and had spent the past six weeks in the hospital.

The son of the late W. H. and Sarah Bullock Bowen, he was born in this county on June 29, 1891. About 30 years ago he moved to Roanoke Rapids where he married Miss Mary Vinson, locating later in Norfolk.

Besides his widow he is survived by five daughters, Mrs. Joyce Drew, Mrs. Sarah Worrell, Edna, Bettie and Janet Bowen; two sons, William H. and Reuben C. Bowen, all of Norfolk; a sister, Mrs. State Bailey of near Williamston; a half-sister, Mrs. Addie Perilli of New York, and a half-brother, C. A. Campbell of Norfolk.

Funeral services are being conducted at the home of his sister near here this afternoon at 2 o'clock by Rev. H. N. Spence, Portsmouth minister, assisted by Rev. H. M. Pope, local minister. Interment will follow in the Bailey Cemetery in Cross Roads Township.

Former County Man Is Fatally Injured In Pulp Mill Accident

Funeral Yesterday Afternoon For James Harris, Native Of Bear Grass

James Harris, native of this county, was fatally injured in an accident at the plant of the North Carolina Pulp Company in the lower part of this county last Saturday afternoon at 2 o'clock. Badly crushed, the young man died the following morning at 1:15 o'clock in a Rocky Mount hospital. According to reports reaching here, the young man, working in the paper machine room, reached for a torn piece of paper and his foot slipped. He fell into the machine and was dragged between two rollers, one of which was described as a floating one and the other was stationary. The floating roller weighed about 4,000 pounds and was turning rapidly, and before the brakes to the machine could be applied by the operator, the young man was carried through and thrown several feet from the machine. He was conscious for a short while after the accident.

The son of Ben and Clara Rawls Harris, he was born in this county thirty-six years ago. In 1925 he was married to Miss Blanche Modlin of Jamesville, and lived in Bear Grass Township until about a year ago when he moved to Plymouth to live with his parents and enter the employment of the pulp company. During his short stay at the mill he had been promoted several times and was a skilled worker and well liked. His parents moved from this county to Plymouth about twelve years ago.

Besides his wife and parents he leaves three children, Jack, Alonzo and Brenda Ann Harris, all of Plymouth; two sisters, Mrs. Eston Baker, of Edenton, and Miss Evelyn Harris, of Plymouth; three brothers, Hilton Harris, U. S. Army, missing in action somewhere in the Southwest Pacific possibly in New Guinea since last January 28; Wheeler Martin Harris, U. S. Army in Italy, and J. B. Harris, of the U. S. Merchant Marine.

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The daughter of the late James L. and Mary E. Andrews Ward, she was born in Pitt County 73 years ago. Following her marriage to Mr. Carson she moved to Martin County where she had since made her home.

She leaves a daughter, Mrs. Sidney Carr of Farmville; two sons, Russell R. Carson of Houston, Texas; Robert Carson of Danston, Green-ville; a brother, Mrs. W. G. Keel of Oak City, and five grandchildren.

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Moving to Bertie from Chowan, he had lived in the Capehart Church Community for many years. He was 72 years on the 17th of this month.

Following the death of his wife about five years ago he had made his home with the children most of the time.

Besides his daughter here, he is survived by a son, Linwood Smith, and a daughter, Mrs. Ruby Holder, both of Bertie County.

Funeral services were conducted at Capehart Church yesterday afternoon by Rev. E. R. Stewart. Interment was in the churchyard.

Robbers Enter Local Community Saturday

Tearing off several pieces of weatherboarding, robbers entered the Farmville-Woodward Lumber Company commissary on the Washington Road here some time during last Saturday night.

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Lt. L. B. Mallory Home From The Pacific War

County Young Man Has Several Close Calls Over Rabaul

Completed Fifty Successful Missions Over Enemy Territory

A prediction as to when the war will end was out of the question, but First Lieutenant Luc B. Mallory talked very encouragingly about the progress being made against the Japs while visiting here yesterday.

The son of Mrs. Effie T. Mallory and the late Will Mallory, of near Oak City, returned to his mother's home last Saturday after spending ten long months in the Southwest Pacific war theater. The young man, a pilot on a B-24 Liberator bomber, only talked when asked direct questions, but it was apparent that he had been in the thick of things over there during the past ten months. For instance there was the big raid over Rabaul and an attack on a Jap convoy which was met by broadsides from four Jap cruisers. The odds were against him and his crew, and Mallory declared that the attack was not very successful at first.

During the period, the lieutenant completed fifty missions over enemy territory or convoys in the New Guinea and New Britain area. In relating his experiences he stated that he thought himself quite fortunate to have traveled so far in such a short time and to have the pleasure of returning home without injury. He and his crew of nine men went through the ordeals of enemy fire and terrible weather without serious mishap, but he admitted that there were times when the way looked dark and almost hopeless. On one trip the landing gear on his plane was shot away, but he landed the mighty ship without injuring a man.

On another mission, Jap warships shot several holes through his plane including one or two under his seat. He said he didn't learn how close the shots were until returning to his base.

Lt. Mallory's work in the Pacific has been recognized by the War Department in the presentation of the Distinguished Flying Cross and Air Medal.

"It is hard to believe, but I ran into a heavy snowstorm almost directly over the equator," Mallory said, explaining that he was flying between eighteen and twenty thousand feet at the time. The weather is

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Funeral Sunday for LeRoy Strawbridge

Funeral services were held at the Biggs Funeral Home on West Main Street here last Sunday for LeRoy Strawbridge, Martin County native who died suddenly in a Columbia, South Carolina hospital last Thursday evening at 7:30 o'clock. Rev. B. T. Hurley conducted the rites at 5:30 o'clock and interment followed in the family cemetery near the old home in Williamston Township.

The son of the late Adam and Jennie Perry Strawbridge, he was born near Williamston on June 4, 1891. He spent his early life on the farm and married Miss Rosa Lee Coley of Greenville on December 23, 1913. In 1922 the family moved to Columbia where he engaged in various businesses until his health failed about two years ago. He had been dependent for about two weeks and spent most of that time in bed, entering the hospital hardly more than two hours before the end.

He was a member of the Whaley Street Methodist Church in Columbia for about twenty years.

Besides his wife he leaves four children, Mrs. H. C. Dean, Elbert LeRoy Strawbridge and Carl Wayne Strawbridge, all of Columbia, and Mrs. Wayne Austin of Durham; one sister, Mrs. S. C. Ray of Williamston and a brother, Guthrie Strawbridge of Tarboro, and five grandchildren, Nancy and Billy Dean, Jerry and Margaret R. Strawbridge and Judith Ann Austin.

TRUCK GASOLINE

Gasoline rations are now being distributed by the Martin County War Price and Rationing Board at its office in the agricultural building to truck owners and operators in this county. The office is asking for their raters at their earliest convenience. It is hoped that the distribution can be effected almost in its entirety before closing time on Saturday of this week. However, the rations will be available any time for those who are unable to make a trip to the office before that day.

The office, it should be noted, is closed each Monday, Tuesday and Saturday afternoon.

Remove Many Cases From Civil Docket in The Superior Court

Second Week of the Regular Little Attention



Completing fifty missions in the Southwest Pacific, 1st Lt. Luc B. Mallory, accompanied by Mrs. Mallory, arrived in the county last Saturday to spend two weeks with his mother near Oak City.

Grand Jury Makes Quarterly Report To Superior Court

Recommendations Made, But Report Is Fashioned After A Routine Pattern

Submitted by John W. Eubanks, foreman, to the current term of the Martin County Superior Court, the quarterly report of the grand jury makes a few recommendations, but the document, for the most part, is fashioned after a routine pattern.

The report follows in detail: "We have passed on all bills of indictment presented to us.

"We checked justices of peace reports and found them all filed with the Clerk of Court and funds submitted to the treasurer.

We checked the guardian accounts and found all reports have been filed with two exceptions: "Mariah Saunders, Robersonville, guardian for Vernell, Charnel and Vera Whitfield, has not filed a report, and the Branch Banking and Trust Co., Wilson, N. C., guardian for Clyde Silverthorne, has not filed a report since February 18, 1943. We recommend that these reports be filed immediately.

Mr. W. E. Saunders, State Highway patrolman, informed the grand jury that the school buses now in operation are in fair condition. Some are in need of repairs, but in many instances repairs are not obtainable. Mr. Coker is doing an excellent job with the parts available, and some buses are stored because they can not be satisfactorily repaired. The recommendations made by the grand jury in December, 1943, have been complied with in most cases. However, several buses at Oak City and one or two buses at Jamesville are not being kept in a clean and sanitary condition. The grand jury urgently recommends that the superintendent of schools of Martin County be requested to again bring these conditions to the attention of the principals of the schools involved, and instruct them to have these conditions corrected without further delay.

We visited the register of deeds office and found it in excellent condition. All records were found

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C. C. Jenkins Dies At Home in Bertie

Chas. Clinton Jenkins, well-known farmer and prominent citizen of Bertie County, died at his home near Aulander last Saturday evening at 7:30 o'clock following a long period of declining health. She had been in the hospital for about five weeks for treatment.

Mrs. Ray, the former Miss Willie Strawbridge before her marriage to Horace Eli Ray in 1914, was the daughter of the late Adam and Jennie Perry Strawbridge. She was born near Williamston on July 14, 1888, and following her marriage located on the McCaskey Road near the fair grounds. No children were born to the union and she is survived by a sister, Mrs. S. C. Ray of Williamston, and a brother, Guthrie Strawbridge of Tarboro, and several nieces and nephews. A brother, LeRoy Strawbridge, died in Columbia, S. C., last Thursday evening, and the two bodies lay in state at the Biggs Funeral Home here Sunday.

Mrs. Eli Ray Dies In Hospital Early Saturday Evening

Mrs. Eli Ray, highly respected woman of this county and a resident of near Williamston all her life, died in a Washington hospital last Saturday evening at 7:30 o'clock following a long period of declining health. She had been in the hospital for about five weeks for treatment.

Mrs. Ray, a good woman and thoughtful neighbor who so willingly interested herself in the welfare of others, was a member of the Vernon Methodist Church since her childhood. She was faithful in its service and was active in its support until her health failed.

Funeral services were conducted at the home yesterday afternoon at 3:00 o'clock by her pastor, Rev. T. H. House, Robersonville Methodist minister, assisted by Rev. B. T. Hurley, pastor of the local Methodist Church. Interment was in the Ray family cemetery near the home.

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