

Infantile Paralysis Drive Short of Its Goal In The County

Total of \$1,076.15 of \$2,282
Raise Over \$300

While making splendid progress in several communities, the 1945 infantile paralysis fund drive is considerably short of its quota in the county. In a report released late yesterday, County Chairman L. B. Wynne stated that \$1,076.15 had been raised and reported up until that time. He explained that he had heard from only three schools that they had raised over \$500 or about one-half the amount reported to date. While no direct reports have been received from but three schools, it is understood that the little folks are working hard in others and that they will materially boost the total. Everets, raising \$32 last year, plans to exceed that figure, and an indirect report from Jamesville pointed to a collection there of \$100 or more. Chairman Wynne is appealing to the little folks at Bear Grass this afternoon at 1:30 and Dr. John Williams is in Oak City today in behalf of the drive.

The apparent weak spot in the drive at this time is found in the poor response to appeals made by direct mail. Out of 240 mail appeals, only 105 have been answered. The answers have been very encouraging so far, averaging just about \$5 each. Those citizens who received direct mail appeals are earnestly asked to boost the drive and get their contributions in the mail as early as possible.

Reporting on the contributions received to date, Chairman Wynne released the following figures: Direct mail, \$534; Williamston Elementary School, \$315.25; Williamston High School, \$81.60; Robersonville Elementary School, \$121.80; Robersonville Rotary Club, \$11.20; Extension Office, agricultural building, \$12.30, making a total of \$1,076.15 to date.

The local elementary school pupils did a noble piece of work. Amounts raised by grades are listed as follows:

Miss Talton 1st grade, \$10; Miss Turnage 1st grade, \$9.30; Mrs. Carstarphen 2nd grade, \$31.35; Miss Baker 2nd grade, \$6.20; Miss Crawford

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Thurston Davenport Writes From Hawaii

Writing from Hawaii under date of January 17, T/Sgt. Thurston F. Davenport, Jr., tells of meeting a few Martin County boys over there. His letter follows:

"The letters from Martin County boys all over the world appearing in the Enterprise have been very interesting and helpful as a medium of keeping up with their and their activities. Many of them have passed my way, a number of them are still around. Atwood Gurganus lives nearby. Leland Hardison is in Honolulu and Burke Peed who stopped by to see me a few days ago will be in the city for a while. You can't put into words what it means to see these familiar faces. In the three and a half years since leaving Williamston I've seen on an average of one familiar face a year so you can see that it's quite a treat.

"May 17th of this year will mark my third year in the Islands and I hope that it's not too optimistic to hope that I might be allowed to visit for a few weeks at home soon after the three years are up.

"My length of time in Hawaii almost qualifies me as a Kamaaina (old timer) but I haven't applied for citizenship yet. Hawaii with its flowers, mountains, beaches, pineapples and sugar cane are all very alluring but there's little that ole N. C. doesn't have to match it.

"Before taking the advantage of too much space I'd like to thank the many Martin County friends who sent me Christmas and New Year's Greetings.

"Best wishes to all for a happier new year."

Receipts At Post Office Here Set A New Record Last Year

Receipts reported by the local post office reached an all-time high figure last year, according to a statement just released by Assistant Postmaster F. E. Wynne. Nearly \$6,000 greater than for the previous year and more than doubling those of ten years ago, the receipts in 1944 totaled \$34,152.22. The receipts take on a greater meaning when it is remembered that they represent the sale of about one million 3-cent stamps.

After showing fairly sizable gains in the first two quarters over those for the corresponding periods in 1943, the receipts went into the big figures during the third and last quarter of 1944. Sales in October, November and December amounted to \$10,717.52, a gain of nearly \$2,000 over the same quarter figures

WOUNDED



Roy Gray Manning, son of Mr. and Mrs. Perlie Manning of near Hamilton, was slightly wounded on the Western Front last December 12, his wife, the former Miss Elizabeth Vaughn, of Scotland Neck, was advised a short time ago.

Thief Placed Under \$1,000.00 Bond Here

Ausbon "Rod" Rogers, charged with breaking into and stealing articles from the home of Farmer Chas. Pate over in Williams Township last Sunday afternoon, was placed under bond in the sum of \$1,000 at a hearing before Justice J. L. Hassell last Tuesday night. Unable to raise the amount, Rogers was returned to jail to await trial during the March term of the superior court.

Several witnesses were called and they build what appears to be an iron-clad case against Rogers. Before examining all the witnesses the defendant's attorney admitted in open court that the evidence already offered was enough.

It was brought out at the hearing that someone had been stealing from homes in the community over a period of months. Farmer Grover Godard said that meat had been stolen from his smokehouse, that on one occasion the thief entered the home, took the smokehouse key, unlocked the lock, stole several hams and a bucket of lard, locked the lock and left the key where it could be found easily. A watch sent home for repairs by one of the boys in New Guinea was stolen a short time ago along with other items.

Last Sunday, several men were setting for the intruder, and Farmer Pate fired a load of bird shot into the man, ending what the neighbors described as a little crime wave that had aggravated them for months.

Firemen Called Out Twice Wednesday

Local volunteer firemen were called out twice last Wednesday afternoon, but both fires were minor ones and no damage was done.

The firemen were called first to a grass fire about 4 o'clock on the vacant hotel lot on Smithwick Street, and to the G. and H. Builders' Supply Company plant on the Jamesville Highway just before 6 o'clock. Its origin baffling the company owners and firemen, the fire started in the pitch of the roof, out of reach of the chimney. The fire was discovered when the smoke started blowing down to the first floor and burned two or three pieces of sheeting. Minor damage was done to some building material.

Fire Damages Home On Main Street Yesterday

Starting from an over-heated chimney, fire damaged the home of Mrs. Thessie Barnhill on West Main Street here yesterday afternoon. Lathing and wood work between the chimney and plaster caught fire, and firemen found it necessary to tear away laths and plaster to get to the fire.

Russians Reported Across Oder River In Drive on Berlin

Big Naval Battle Reported

Off After Nine Hours

While the massive drive on the Eastern Front has possibly been slowed down in some sectors, the fury of the fight there continues at a high pitch with the Red Armies pushing on toward their objectives. The success of the drive, while already recognized as the "beginning of the end" for Hitler and his gang, is yet to be determined. Late reports declare that General Konev's Red Army has reached and crossed the Oder River on a 125-mile front north and south of the Silesian capital of Breslau, that fierce fighting continues on an ever-increasing scale in that sector. The city is now under attack from three sides. Farther to the north, General Zhukov's forces are storming Poznan, great industrial center, and have pushed within 124 miles of Berlin. Still farther north, General Rokossovsky's forces have just about succeeded in cutting off an estimated 200,000 Germans in East Prussia, a feat that has left the enemy staggering.

The German news agency DNB told of the Russian penetration to the Baltic at Elbing, one of the greatest encirclement operations in history. Moscow had not officially confirmed this report, but dispatches from that capital said tank spearheads had reached the Vistula delta west of Elbing.

Breaking into Elbing itself, 63 miles southwest of Konigsberg and 50 miles southeast of Danzig, the Russians cut the last railway serving the trapped and reeling German forces in East Prussia, which is an important food source for Berlin and northern Germany.

The midnight Soviet communique announced the capture of more than 1,500 towns and villages, including 700 in East Prussia and 150 on the German-Polish Silesian front. The night of the Russian offensive is so powerful that the Germans have called out old men, women and children to help check it. Workers have been taken from their jobs and munitions factories and mines are idle.

On the Western Front there is talk about a great offensive. During the meantime, Allied forces are scoring new gains in "plugging" drives along most of the line. The Third Army has already pushed to points farther east than those where Rundstedt launched his big offensive last December 16. The Seventh Army, bearing the brunt of German might in the Alsace sector, has counterattacked and checked, temporarily at least, the enemy. To the north, the British Second Army has pushed eleven miles into Germany, and it is in that sector that the big push is expected against the Germans.

Recent developments on the German fronts have not been accompanied by predictions of an early collapse of the Germans, but civilian observers are puzzled to understand how the Germans can stand the merciless pounding much longer. Their plans have been knocked into a cocked hat, and the military is moving and shifting its dwindling forces from one place to another, one report stating that the crack Sixth Panzer Division was moving from the Western Front across Germany to meet the Russians along the Oder River.

In the Pacific theater, the American Sixth Army has taken Clark Field and is pushing down Highway No. 3 toward Manila, less than forty miles away. No official report has been released, but according to a

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Shortage of Fuels Is Somewhat Relieved

The fuel shortage, approaching a serious point here just a short time ago, has been partially relieved, but wood and coal yard operators are not at all optimistic about the future.

Making a personal inspection of the fuel situation here a few days ago, a representative of the Solid Fuels Administration allotted the town three additional carloads of coal. The shipments have been distributed, mostly in small quantities and just as bins were giving up their last chunks of coal. The shortage of wood is still a problem, but quite a few farmers have helped relieve the situation there. However, the relief came, in some instances at a high cost to the consumer. Sales have ranged from a fair price up to as much as \$37.50 a cord.

No one has frozen here, but quite a few are said to have braved freezing weather with little fuel. Moderate temperatures are being maintained in quite a few buildings, but some of the public buildings have been running high temperatures. It isn't likely that coal allotments will be increased, and regular shipments are certain to be limited in the future. It is quite likely that the fuel shortage will flare up again in February and a cold reception is predicted for some. Fuel dealers are urging everyone to conserve fuel in every way possible.

MISSING IN ACTION



T/S John Foster VanLandingham has been missing in Belgium since January 5, his mother, Mrs. Emily D. VanLandingham, was advised a few days ago by the War Department.

WOUNDED



Pvt. Wilson B. Partin, slightly wounded in Belgium on December 30, is recovering in a hospital somewhere in England. Mrs. Partin was advised here a few days ago.

Mrs. W. L. Edwards Dies At Her Home

Funeral services were conducted at the home in Poplar Point Township yesterday afternoon at 3:30 o'clock for Mrs. Gladys Rogers Edwards who died there at 5:15 o'clock Wednesday morning following a long period of declining health. Her pastor, Rev. Marshall Joyner of Greenville, conducted the last rites, interment following in the Spring Green Cemetery.

Mrs. Edwards had been in declining health for several months, spending the last two in bed.

The daughter of Mrs. Emma Bennett Rogers Nicholson and the late Joseph Rogers, she was born in Vaughn, Warren County, on August 18, 1909. She was married to Mr. W. Leon Edwards on August 25, 1925, and had made her home in this county since that time. Mrs. Edwards was a devoted member of the Free Will Baptist Church at Cedar Grove for two years, and was held in high esteem in her community.

Besides her mother, who lives near Williamston, she leaves her husband and six children, Doris, Geraldine, Annette, Margie, Dean, Joseph Lee and William L. Edwards, Jr., all of the home; one half-brother, Edward Nicholson, U. S. Navy, who is just out of a Naval training station, and a sister, Mrs. Stuart Taylor, of Williamston.

Political War Is On In Nation's Capital

While millions fight with weapons on far-flung battlefronts, the politicians in Washington are having a war of their own—a war of maneuvers for the driver's seat in the post-war world.

Led by Senator George and North Carolina's Josiah Bailey, one faction is determined to shear Henry Wallace and reduce him to a figurehead in the man's bid to represent all the people as Secretary of Commerce and head of the Reconstruction Finance Corporation.

RETURNS

Lewis Thomas Taylor, son of Mariza Taylor Whitaker and who was critically wounded in France last June, has returned to the States, his mother was advised this week. Reports three weeks ago stated that his condition was not very satisfactory, and while he said nothing about his condition in a recently received message, he did say he was in Holleran Hospital, Staten Island, N. Y., and hoped for a transfer soon.

Judge Smith Calls Twenty-one Cases

Clearing Docket

Tribunal In Session Monday About 10 O'Clock

Calling twenty-one cases, Judge J. Calvin Smith held the county recorder's court in session until almost 1 o'clock before clearing the docket last Monday. Starting its proceedings with only a few spectators present, the court attracted a fair-sized crowd before completing its work. Proceedings: Mamie Moore, pleaded guilty in the case charging her with assaulting another with a deadly weapon, and the court suspended judgment upon the payment of the cost by the defendant.

In the five cases charging Warren McLawhorn, Jack Stokes, Cecil Hemby, Willie C. Corbett and Hubert Corbett with buying and selling scrap tobacco without licenses, the counsel for the defendants stated he would not resist a verdict. The court declared the defendants guilty, and judgment was suspended upon the payment of the court costs and on the further condition that they purchase the necessary licenses.

Linnie Bell Watts, charged with an assault with a deadly weapon, was sentenced to jail for sixty days, the court suspending the sentence upon the payment of the costs and doctor's bill of Mary Pippen. The court also placed the defendant on good behavior.

Mary Eliza Pippen and Cecil Pippen, charged with assaults with a deadly weapon, were adjudged not guilty.

Lucy Whitehurst, charged with drunkenness and damage to property, pleaded guilty and was sentenced to jail for six months. The court suspended the sentence on condition that the defendant stay out of this county for two years.

Pleading not guilty in the case in which he was charged with an assault with a deadly weapon, Charlie Little was adjudged guilty of simple assault, the court suspending judgment upon the payment of costs.

The case charging Mary Spruill with violating the health laws, was not pressed with leave.

The case charging Lafayette Pearsall with violating the health laws, was continued until February 5th, with the defendant under a \$75 bond.

Pleading not guilty in the case charging her with violating the health laws, Eva Knight was found guilty, and prayer for judgment was continued until the first Monday in May.

Charged with disorderly conduct and assault, Charlie M. Thurpen was adjudged guilty of simple assault. He was fined \$10 and taxed with the costs.

David Jones, pleading guilty of operating a motor vehicle without a driver's license, was fined \$15, taxed with the costs and ordered to spend six hours in jail.

The case charging A. W. Hardison with drunken driving and indecent exposure, was continued for the defendant until the first Monday in March.

Charged with drunken driving, William E. Lilley was fined \$50 and taxed with the costs. His license to operate a motor vehicle was revoked for one year.

Tim Council and Johnnie Ledbetter, charged with larceny, pleaded guilty and were sentenced to the roads for six months, the terms to begin at the expiration of the ones they are now serving. Inmates of the Martin County Prison Camp, the two men escaped and were charged with running away in State clothes.

Charged with an assault with a deadly weapon, Lorenza Bryant pleaded guilty of throwing a bottle. The plea was accepted and the defendant was fined \$10 and required to pay the court costs. The court also directed the defendant to remove a piccolo from his place of business.

State-wide Check on Manpower Rulings

The War Manpower Commission in North Carolina is moving out immediately on the Byrne Directive by making a State-wide check on employers as to their adherence to War Manpower Regulations in the hiring of workers, maintaining approved employment ceilings and turnover allowances, states WMC Area Director P. B. Pollock for the Elizabeth City-New Bern area.

WMC and United States Employment Service Compliance officers are now busily engaged checking employment records of all essential and non-essential employers to determine if their workers have been hired in accordance with WMC directives. No one will be left unturned to find out if hiring, ceilings, and stabilization procedures have been followed.

The employer should have in his files a USES referral card, Form 508, for all male workers on his pay roll.

Female workers from out of the area or last employed in essential work must have been hired either by a referral of the USES or a State-

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WOUNDED



T/Sgt. Bonnie M. Taylor was slightly wounded in Germany on January 3, his parents, Mr. and Mrs. B. K. Taylor, RFD 2, Williamston, were notified a few days ago.

Mrs. Andrew Hoard Passes In County

Mrs. Laura Williams Hoard, wife of Andrew Hoard, died at her home in Cross Roads last Tuesday afternoon at 5 o'clock following a ten-day illness. Mrs. Hoard had suffered with asthma for about two months but she was getting along very well until about ten days before her death when she was placed in the care of a physician. Her condition was not considered critical, however, until just a short time before the end, endemic developing and causing death.

Mrs. Hoard was born in Williams Township on May 4, 1892, and spent all her life there until about two weeks ago when she moved to Cross Roads Township to make her home. She was married to Mr. Hoard in 1921 and she survives with the following children, two daughters, Mrs. William Gurkin of Elin Field, Fla., and Mrs. Sam Clark of Williamston, a son, A. C. Hoard of the home. She also leaves two sons by a previous marriage, Pfc. Howard Williams, U. S. Army now somewhere in France, and Raymond Williams, of Jamesville, and a brother, John Williams, of Jamesville.

Mrs. Hoard joined the local Baptist church about 25 years ago, later moving her membership to Riddick's Grove where she was in regular attendance upon its services. Rev. W. B. Harrington is conducting the last rites at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Sam Clark, near Williamston, this afternoon at 3:30 o'clock, interment to follow in Woodlawn Cemetery here.

Five Cases Heard In Justice's Court

After sledding along during the first few weeks of the new year with very few cases in his court, Justice J. L. Hassell reported a slight increase in business during the past few days.

Rufus Taylor and Alfred Jones, charged with being publicly drunk, were required to pay \$8.50 costs each.

Arthur Duggin and John Williams, charged with being drunk and disorderly, were each fined \$1.50 and required to pay \$8.50 costs.

Charged with being drunk and disorderly, Ernest Stallings was taxed with \$8.50 costs.

Victim Of A Heart Attack Is Removed To New Bern Home

Suffering a heart attack early Wednesday morning in the local hotel, Mr. H. F. Hancock, contractor and millwright, was removed a few hours later in a Biggs ambulance to his home in New Bern. Mr. Hancock was employed by the Williamston Package Manufacturing Company in the installation of new machines and an addition to the plant.

More Than 5,000 Auto Tags Sold By License Bureau Here

The local license bureau of the Carolina Motor Club, operated by Harrison and Carstarphen, set a new high record in the sale of 1945 motor vehicle license plates, the managers said yesterday. Up until that time, the bureau had sold a total of 5,127 license tags, valued right at \$90,000.

The sale of auto tags led the list, the bureau distributing 3,832 to car owners for a little more than \$40,000. The \$70 truck plates sold for just about as much, and the 45 tags for farm trucks sold for \$675. The 508 car trailer tags sold for \$2 each or \$1,016, and 74 plates for commercial trucks brought \$5,550.

Up until yesterday, the license sale was about 300 plates ahead of the sales reported in the corresponding period a year ago. It is expected that several hundred more of the black and yellow tins will be sold

James Samuel Jones Dies At Home Here

Wednesday Evening

Funeral Services at 7:30 P.M. at the Home of the Deceased

James Samuel Jones, retired farmer and well-known county citizen, died at his home here on Warren Street last Wednesday evening at 8:20 o'clock following a long period of declining health. Suffering with high blood pressure, Mr. Jones was forced into virtual retirement about two years ago, but he was fairly active in handling minor duties until about six months ago when he suffered a stroke. His condition did not become critical, however, until about ten days ago when he was forced to his bed, the end coming gradually.

The son of the late Dan and Martha Taylor Jones, he was born in Pitt County on May 18, 1886, and moved with the family to this county when quite young, locating on a farm near Williamston. After a few years spent in Bear Grass Township, he moved to Williams Township where he married Miss Charlotte Andrews in December, 1908, and farmed for about twenty years before moving to Williamston where he spent the remainder of his life.

Mr. Jones, possessed of a friendly and jovial character, was held in high regard by all who knew him. He was a member of the Methodist Church at Holly Springs for many years, and his pastor, Rev. B. T. Hurley, assisted by Rev. John L. Goff, will conduct the funeral at the home this afternoon at 4 o'clock, interment following in Woodlawn Cemetery here.

Besides his wife, he leaves eight children, five sons: Neal Jones, U. S. Army, stationed at Fort McPherson, Ga.; Alex and Carroll Jones of Williamston; Garland Jones of Farm Life; and Russell Jones of Virginia Beach; three daughters, Mrs. F. Lester Rogers of Williamston, Mrs. Rufus Harris of Washington and Mrs. Grace Noney of the home, and one brother, Robert Jones of Williams Township.

Bury County Boy In Military Cemetery

Pfc. Lloyd M. Hassell, son of Mr. Charles A. Hassell of Jamesville, and the late Mrs. Hassell of Washington County, who was killed in the service of his country along the Western Front last December 16, was buried following services by a Protestant chaplain in a military cemetery in southeastern Belgium, according to a direct message received by Mr. Hassell a short time ago from his son's commanding officer, Captain William R. Feaster.

The officer said, "... Pfc. Hassell was killed in action on December 16, 1944, during valorous duty against the common enemy.

"You have the deepest sympathy of the officers and enlisted men of his company in your bereavement. Lloyd was held in high regard by all who knew him. He was a splendid soldier and a man in whom you have a right to be extremely proud. His loss will be deeply felt by his many friends.

"While it is realized that word or pen cannot heal the wounds of a saddened heart, we know that you will share that glorious attitude of all Americans that no sacrifice is too great in our quest for righteousness. The forthcoming freedom of the oppressed peoples and an eternal peace will be a lasting tribute to your son and to those comrades who have given their lives in this conflict. ..."

The following note of sympathy from Gen. George Marshall was just recently received by the young man's father: "General Marshall extends his deep sympathy in your bereavement. You son fought valiantly in a supreme hour of his country's need. His memory will live in the grateful heart of our nation."

Two brothers are in the service, Chas. E., 28 months in the Pacific, and Kenneth R., at Camp Gruber.