

Bear Grass Exceeds Its Red Cross Quota By a Large Margin

District First To Complete the Campaign; School Raises Almost \$100.00

Accepting the challenge willingly and getting off to an early start, Bear Grass Township citizens successfully ended their annual Red Cross War Fund drive in less than a week and exceeded the original goal by a large margin. Assigned a quota of \$450.00, the district reported \$451.65 collected earlier in the week, the little folks in the school coming in with \$84.10 to boost the total to \$535.75, an amount \$85.75 in excess of the original quota.

The Enterprise sincerely regrets it will be unable to publish the contributors' names in the schools, for the little folks did a great job at Bear Grass and those in the other schools are giving the drive a liberal and willing support, too. It is estimated that between four and five thousand school children in this county will have contributed something to the Red Cross by the time the drive is completed, and the shortage of help in the office makes it next to impossible for the publishers to handle all the children's names. The amounts will be listed by grades however, and every name and the amount contributed by each child will be preserved as a part of the county war records.

Contributions by grades in the Bear Grass School are listed, as follows: First, \$5; second, \$5.35; third, \$7.85; fourth, \$9.25; fifth, \$13.10; sixth, \$10.15; seventh, \$3.90; high school, \$30.—Total, \$84.10.

Names of contributors in the several townships and the amounts they contributed will be published as rapidly as possible and in the order they are reported. Contributors in Bear Grass Township follow:

Mrs. Roy Ward, solicitor; Mr. and Mrs. J. S. Griffin, \$10; Clyde Ward, 25c; Mr. and Mrs. W. K. Ward, \$1; Rome Rogerson, \$1; Mr. and Mrs. E. Slade Peele, \$10; H. U. Peele, \$5; Mr. and Mrs. Milton Mendenhall, \$1; Mrs. Lewis Holliday, \$3; Mr. and Mrs. Archie Hodges, \$3; Maryland Hadley, 3c; Mrs. Ben Ward, \$1; Mr. and Mrs. Frank Holliday, \$2; Mr. and Mrs. Fate Hodges, \$2; Mr. and Mrs. Ben Whitehurst, \$2; Dalton Rogerson, \$1; Mrs. Rome Rogerson, \$2; Mr. and Mrs. Roy Ward, \$3; Nancy Ward, 20c; Bill Hadley, \$2.—Total, \$51.48.

Susie Gray Bowen and Tobie
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KILLED



Pfc. Clifton B. Moore was killed in the European Theater on last December 25, his mother, Mrs. Lucy Moore Perry, RFD 1, Jamesville, was advised this week by the War Department. He was previously reported missing.

Judge Calvin Smith Calls Seven Cases In County's Court

Proceedings Attract Sizable Crowd Last Monday Morning

No sensational cases were on the docket, but the proceedings in the last Monday session of the Martin County Recorder's Court attracted a fairly sizable audience. Judge J. Calvin Smith called seven cases for trial and held the court in session for about two hours before clearing the docket.

Appearing before the court for further judgment in the case charging him with non-support, Marion Thomas Hardison was ordered to continue paying \$25 a month for the benefit of his children. The defendant is to reappear before the court on the first Monday of December in this year for further judgment.

Charged with drunken driving, A. W. Hardison was adjudged not guilty.

In the case charging Price White with disposing of mortgaged property, the prosecuting witness expressed a desire to have the charge aired in the superior court before a jury.
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Wm. J. Smith Dies At His Home Here Last Wednesday Morning

Funeral Services For Highly Respected Citizen Are Held Yesterday

William Jayson Smith, highly respected local citizen, died at his home on West Main Street at 3:40 o'clock Wednesday morning following a ten-day illness. Despite his advanced age, he was unusually active and continued at his post of duty in the plant of the Williamston Peanut Company until about ten days ago when he was taken ill. Pneumonia developed and that was the immediate cause of his death.

Mr. Smith was born in Clarksburg, Indiana, on January 11, 1865, the son of the late James F. and Eliza Smith. He left home when a young man and worked in several of the Southern States as a construction engineer for several years, locating in Norfolk the latter part of the century where he was associated with the peanut industry for a long period.

In 1887 he was married to Miss Alvernon Lykes of Alexandria, Va., who died in 1918. Seven children survive the union, five daughters, Mrs. Ruby Smith Handy of Doylestown, Pa., Miss Martha T. Smith, Mrs. Viola S. Chappell, Mrs. Miriam S. Robbins and Mrs. Marvis Shiflett, all of Norfolk, and two sons, Jasper B. Smith and Maury B. Smith both of Norfolk; one brother, Homer B. Smith of Warsaw, Indiana, and a sister, Mrs. Gertrude England of Crothersville, Indiana.

Mr. Smith came to Williamston in 1930 with the Columbian Peanut Company and had charge of the construction of the large peanut plant here, and continued in its employ right up until the end. He was married to Mrs. Jessie White Holloman in 1933 and she survives. He also leaves four step-children, Bruce Holloman of Greensboro, Lt. (jg) Jessie Mae Holloman, now stationed at Pearl Harbor; Cpl. Maury Holloman with the U. S. Marines at Guam, and Petty Officer 2/c Bill Holloman, who is now somewhere in the South Pacific.

A Christian Scientist for many years, Mr. Smith was held in high esteem by all who knew him, and while he held closely to his work and spent most of his leisure hours in his home, he made many strong friendships among local people during his stay of fifteen years here. He had planned to retire several times, having given in full measure of his time and talent to industry's progressive march, but when the war broke out he realized his services were needed more than ever, and he willingly and faithfully served at his post of duty until he was taken ill. Mr. Smith is remembered as a righteous and God-fearing citizen, one who never shirked a duty and one who contributed both in an exemplary and pecuniary way to the advancement of lasting ideals and principles.

Brief services were conducted in the Biggs Funeral Home yesterday morning at 10 o'clock and the funeral party left immediately for Norfolk where the services were concluded in the Holloman-Brown Funeral Chapel by Rev. O. J. Hodges, pastor of the Tabernacle Baptist Church, assisted by a reader of the Christian Science faith. Interment was in the family plot in Norfolk's Forest Lawn Cemetery.

Two Fatally Hurt In Bertie Accident

Two young men, Raymond B. Couch and W. D. McElhenie, of the Naval Air Station, Edenton, were fatally hurt and four others were injured when their jeep went out of control and turned over two and one-half miles north of Windsor on U. S. Highway 17 shortly after midnight Wednesday.

Few details of the accident could be learned here immediately and the home addresses of the victims were not disclosed.

Two Liquor Stills Taken In The County This Week

Two liquor stills, both crudely equipped, were captured in Robersonville Township this week by ABC Officer Joe Roebuck and his assistant, Roy Peel.

The first plant was destroyed in the Flat Swamp area along with four barrels of beer. The still was made of tin and had a capacity of 50 gallons. The second plant, equipped with a 50-gallon oil drum, was found in Great Swamp. A barrel of beer was poured out.

Minor School Bus Accident In Everetts Yesterday

No one was hurt and very little damage resulted when a school bus, serving the Parmele Negro High School, sideswiped Jim Staton Ayers' Pontiac on the Main Street in Everetts yesterday morning. An estimate of the damage could not be had, but the loss will hardly run more than a few dollars.

WOUNDED



Cpl. James E. Taylor son of Mr. and Mrs. Luther Taylor of near Williamston, was wounded in Germany a few weeks ago. His wife and their three children are spending some time with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Pollard, RFD 2, Robersonville.

County Bookmobile Will Make Regular Schedule Next Week

New Books Added To Collection For Distribution In This County

New books this month are as varied as this March weather. The first title sounds like spring itself—Looking For A Bluebird, by Joseph Wechberg, is a refreshing collection of sketches of a young musician who left home to see the world and did most of it for a time as ship's musician, but not without many humorous incidents. This is a sure relief from all the war stories.

A new Tarkington novel is here—Image Of Josephine is a story of a young girl who would not present her true self. Then with the return of Lt. Bailey Fout from the Pacific for treatment, there was a change; in fact, two very definite changes in the lives of those concerned.

Troubled Midnight brings us John Gunther's venture with the novel. Here is the story of an American woman working in glamorous Istanbul for the Office of War Information. Her many experiences there are not, however, always limited to the affairs of the OWI.

Owen Lattimore in his new book, Solution In Asia, points out the road America must take to achieve a victory for democracy in Asia. He discusses China, Japan, and all the other Eastern areas from their real basis, the people in them. Here is another timely book indicating that the solution is political and economic rather than military.

A little book sure to give the reader a lift and several hours of good entertainment is This Little Pig Stayed Home, by Mrs. Willie Snow Etheridge. It has been called "gay and gallant—an American 'Mrs. Miniver'"; and please remember that it is definitely American—as American as the little town of Prospera, Kentucky.

The bookmobile schedule in this county next weeks follows:

Monday, March 12
9 a. m., Edward's Service Station; 10 a. m., Hamilton School; 11:05, In front of Hamilton bank; 12:45 p. m., Gold Point School; 1:35 p. m., Johnson's Service Station, Gold Point; 2:10 p. m., Robersonville Public Library.

Tuesday, March 13
9:30 a. m., Hassell School; 10:00 a. m., Hassell Post Office; 10:40 a. m., Edmondson's Service Station; 11:15, Oak City School; 1:30 p. m., Barrett's Drug Store, Oak City; 2:15, Smith's Store on Palmyra Road.

Wednesday, March 14
9 a. m., Williamston High School; 10:00 a. m., Everetts School; 11 a. m., Ayers' Store, Everetts; 12, noon, Cross Roads Church; 1:30 p. m., Elementary School, Robersonville; 2:30 p. m., Robersonville High School; 3:10 p. m., Parmele Post Office.

Thursday, March 15
9 a. m., Williamston Elementary School; 10:45 a. m., Griffins Service Station; 11:15 a. m., Farm Life School; 1:15 p. m., Corey's Cross Roads; 1:45 p. m., Bear Grass School; 2:30 p. m., Terry Brothers' Store, Bear Grass; 3 p. m., Wynne's Service Station.

Friday, March 16
10 a. m., Jordan's Store, Dardens; 11 a. m., Browning's Store; 11:45 a. m., Poplar Chapel Church; 1:15 p. m., Jamesville School; 2:30 p. m., Brown's Store, Jamesville.

CLUB MEETING

Believing a larger attendance upon the meetings will result, the local Senior Woman's Club is changing its schedule from Wednesday afternoon to Friday night. The first of the eight meetings will be held at 8:00 o'clock this evening when a social hour will be observed.

Thirty Persons Injured When Bus Tears Through Bridge Guard Rail And Turns Over In River Swamp

Over \$4,000 Reported In Red Cross Drive In Local Chapter

The annual Red Cross War Fund drive in the Martin County Chapter was announced hardly two-thirds complete last night, Chairman V. J. Spivey explaining that he had to figure long and hard for a successful close of the campaign. "We are going to meet the challenge, for, after all, it is not at all unreasonable, but it might be necessary to make some repeat calls.

Up until last night a total of \$4,013.75 had been collected and reported, leaving approximately \$2,650 to be raised. Bear Grass is already over the top with about \$85 to spare. Farm Life, while no complete report has been submitted, is over the top. Jamesville has reported \$300 of its quota raised. Williams has made no report so far, and nothing has been heard from the colored citizens in the chapter. However, it was learned

that the colored citizens leading their canvass had called for additional membership cards, indicating that they were making progress in the drive to raise \$1,000 for the fund.

Raising \$2,718.00 to date, Williamston is approximately \$1,232.00 short of its goal. Most of the canvassers in the business district have already completed their canvasses, and several of the six who are expected to report soon have limited fields. Only one residential canvasser has made a report, and if the others measure up in the closing days of the drive it is believed that the chapter will reach and possibly over-subscribe its quota.

The Robersonville Chapter, the other Red Cross unit in this county raised nearly half of its quota in the first two days of the drive, according to reports reaching here.

Victims Are Moved To Local Hospital In Four Ambulances

All But Nine Discharged After Receiving First Aid Treatment

Twenty-nine passengers and the driver were hurt, nine of them badly but not seriously, when a south-bound Norfolk-Southern bus crashed through the cement guard rail on the Roanoke River bridge and plunged about fifteen feet into the swamp below just east of the draw here last Tuesday afternoon shortly after 2 o'clock. Six other passengers escaped unhurt except for minor bruises and slight shock. Three other persons, riding or driving team hitched to log wagons, were hurt in the accident. Observers frankly declared that it was nothing less than a miracle that several were not killed.

The bridge attendant notified the highway patrol, and Cpl. W. S. Hunt reached there in just a few minutes. He radioed for all available ambulances, and four responded, including the one stationed at the prisoner of war camp at the river. The fire department was called out and its ladders were used to take most of the victims off the bus which was lying on its side in about two and one-half feet of water. One or two of the victims were lifted from the swamp with ropes. The ambulances and private cars delivered six loads to Brown's hospital where arrangements were quickly made to handle the emergency. In less than two hours the injured were cared for, the Red Cross moving in and furnishing clothing to replace that which had gotten wet or was nearly torn from several of the victims.

An inventory could not be had immediately, but many personal effects, including suitcases, wraps, pocketbooks and money, were lost in the water.

Several versions of the accident have been offered, and it could not be learned just what caused the wreck. J. B. Harrison, driver of 533 W. 34th Street, Norfolk, stated that he slowed the bus down before he drove off the fill onto the concrete bridge, that he was driving at a moderate

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First Armymen Race Across Rhine Barrier

Americans Surprise Germans In Daring Crossing of Stream

Almost Certain Accomplishment Will Mark Turning Point in European War

In one of the greatest feats of the war since D-Day last June 6, American forces this week crossed the Rhine River to deliver trembling German a blow which observers believe will hasten the end of the European war.

The brilliant blow was made last Wednesday at Remagen, 32 miles south of Cologne where General Courtney Hodges' First Army troops were reported to have captured intact a rail bridge across the stream. The entire course of the war has been changed—and perhaps shortened by months—by the swift, demoralizing lunge across the river barrier on which a reeling Germany pinned her hopes of holding off defeat in the west.

Ten or fifteen minutes after the first company had crossed the Rhine, others began throwing everything in the book into the crossing.

If fighting men ever took advantage of a break, these First Army troops did. A single infantry company marching into the main German army on its own side of the Rhine. Now the prisoners are coming back—unattended, because our men up front have no time to bother with them.

It was a coup of amazing, breathtaking character, and the men who did it made history.

It caught the Germans at a weak spot, undefended except by snipers and machine-guns, without fixed fortifications. The firing is lively now, and even though there is still a security blackout, it is safe to say that we have plenty of infantry and guns across.

Minutes before the daring feat, no one around that picturesque stretch of the Rhine, a stretch which had known no war in 140 years, thought

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Large Docket Heard By Justice Hassell In The Past Few Days

Several Cases Are Bound Over to County Court For Trial Next Week

Justice J. L. Hassell handled a large docket in his court here during the past few days, the period being about the busiest he had this year.

William Lilley, operating a motor vehicle with improper licenses, was fined \$10 and taxed with the cost.

Moses Williams was required to pay \$5.50 costs in the case charging him with being drunk and disorderly. Facing a similar charge, "Tank" Bennett was taxed with \$9.50 costs.

John Philpott was fined \$1.50 and taxed with \$9.50 costs for being drunk and disorderly.

William Arthur Bell was required to pay \$8.50 costs in the case charging him with public drunkenness.

Eddie Golpche, Arthur James, Will Clark and Noah Boston, charged with being drunk and disorderly, were fined \$1.50 each and required to pay \$9.50 costs.

Judgment was suspended upon the payment of \$7.50 costs in the case charging Addie Griffin with disorderly conduct.

Roy Boston was required to pay \$8.50 costs for being drunk and disorderly.

Given a preliminary hearing in the case charging him with drunken driving, W. Jackson Holliday was bound over to the county court under bond in the sum of \$100.

Nathan Reece, charged with an assault with a deadly weapon, was bound over to the county court in \$500 bail. One of his victims, Dallas Whitley, was sliced from his ear to the throat, 17 stitches being required to close the wound, and Nathan Baker, the other victim, was badly cut on the thigh. The attack took place on Washington Street last Saturday night.

Rose Lee Latham and Essie Clark charged with assaults with deadly weapons, were bound over to the county court for trial.

H. Wilmer Barber Dies in Jamesville

H. Wilmer Barber, respected county citizen and prominent farmer of Jamesville Township, died at his home yesterday afternoon at 2 o'clock. He had been in declining health for a year or more, and was confined to his bed about two weeks. The son of the late Benjamin Barber, he was born in Jamesville Township on August 27, 1883, and lived and farmed there all his life. He was a diligent worker and a good citizen. He was a member of the church at Maple Grove, and his pastor, Rev. M. Luther Ambrose, will conduct the last rites at the home Saturday afternoon at 3 o'clock. Interment will follow in the Barber family cemetery, near the home.

In early manhood, Mr. Barber was married to Miss Annie Hardison and she survives with three daughters, Mrs. Emma Bell Lissy, Mrs. Annie Lee Hardison and Miss Mary Ruth Barber, all of RFD 1, Jamesville, and four sons, George, Archie and Llewellyn, all of Jamesville RFD 1, and Elbert Barber, U. S. N., now stationed at Miami. He also is survived by a sister, Mrs. Mattie Aukard of Richmond, and three brothers, Frank Barber of Williams Township, Perlie Barber of RFD 1, Jamesville, and Clyde Barber of Richmond.

WOUNDED



Thomas Boston, son of Sarah Jane Boston, Jamesville RFD 1, was recently wounded in action in the Pacific Theater. Boston, Steward's Mate 3/c, was not wounded seriously, according to a communication from the Bureau of Naval Personnel.

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Two County Men Lose Their Lives In Action

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