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Names of 138 Papils Appear

On List, Principal Sam

Bundy Announces

The names of 138 pupils appear

on the honor roll for the fourth re-

port period in the local schools.

Principal Sam D. Bundy announced

this week. Of the 138 names in the

list only a small dozen belong to high

First Grade: Emma Jean Goddard,

Peggy Moore Goddard, Ann Harri-

son, Mary Jean Hunt, Blanche Man-

ning, Henry Handy, Joe Murphy,

Floyd Thomas, Clayton Weston, Rob-

Hudson, Allan Mayo Modlin, Tom-

mie Phelps, Billy Thornton, Nancy

Britton, Mary Frances Martin, Jane

Peele, Betsy Riddick; Derothy Rob-

Charles Edwards, Jimmy

erson, Betsy Barnhill, Gene Cope-

Hardison, Robert Williams, Dorothy

ert Bowen, James Gurganus, Charles

The list follows, by grades:

school pupils.

land.

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Annual Red Cross Fund Drive Starts In Country Today Chairman V. J. Spivey Urging **Public To Help Put Coanty Over Top In a Hurry**

The annual Red Cross Fund Drive got under way today throughout the nation with the possibility that it will be carried over the top in record time. The people of the nation are being asked to donate 100 million dollars to the fund this year.

Completing plans for handling the drive in this chapter, Chairman V. J. Spivey is appealing to the people of this chapter to liberally support the fund and help carry the chapter over the top in a hurry, possibly before or by the latter part of next week. This chapter is being asked to raise \$3,600, an amount considerably less than half the total raised a year ago.

Of the \$3,600 quota, the people of Williamston Township are being ask-ed to raise \$1,940.000. Twenty solicitors were named yesterday by Chairman Spivey to canvass the town, and several of them are already at work. The names of the local canvassers are: Mesdames Joel Muse, S. H. Grimes, H. L. Barnhill, Asa Craw-ford, E. S. Peel, V. J. Spivey, E. L. Sherman, J. E. King, Bill Howell, R Vernon Bunting, Rev. J. L. Goff, Rev. B. T. Hurley, Dr. Ira D. Knight, G. H. Harrison, Jr., K. D. Worrell, H. and Dorothy Manning. Headquarters will be maintained

in the Branch Banking and Trust Company building.

Many local people are being assess-ed very considerate amounts under the premise that there will be 100 percent participation in the drive. Individuals will aid the drive by remembering that the solicitors are working without remuneration, that they are giving their time and means of transportation.

Miss Ruth Manning, principal, said yesterday that the elementary school here could be counted on to support the drive. No report could be had from the high school. The several ministers in the chapter are again asked to give a few minutes of their next Sunday sermon time for the advancement of the drive being made in the name of needy and suffering humanity.

Every district in the Martin County Chapter has been organized for the drive, and in several districts preliminary work was handled the early part of this week, the drive

chairman said today. General Dwight



Your Red Cross watches over the comforts of hospitalized vet-erans and service people everywhere. Help put its Fund Campaign

Hold Long Session Of P. Mobley, Clarence Griffin and Misses Edna Barnhill, Mary Taylor Recorder's Court Here

Eleven Defendants DAY OF PRAYER Sentenced To Jail; Members of the several religious denominations will join in

Fines Total \$385.00 **Prosecuting Witness Taxed** With Cost When Evidence **Is Ruled Frivolous**

of the community. The service will center around the theme, "The Things That Judge J. Calvin Smith and Solicior Paul D. Roberson held the Martin County Recorder's Court in ses-Mrs. V. J. Spivey will lead the program and Mrs. Ira D. Knight sion until late afternoon Monday. will present the project which is

being advanced on a world-wide rom the docket. World Day of Prayer has been Eleven of the defendants tried dur-

observed by local churches since 1938, and the event next Friday is expected to establish a record for attendance.

the observance of the World Day

church here on Friday afternoon

of next week at 4:00 o'clock, and

an urgent call to prayer is being

sounded by the religious leaders

Prayer in the Methodist

Make for Peace."

Jon Clark, Joseph Clayton, Angeline Dickerson, Virginia Hamm, Ann Hol-

Beacham, Bennie Harrison, James Pittman, Edward Rogerson, Sondra

Mae Goff, Barbara Cherry, Barbara Everett, Melva Lee Wynne, John Dunn, and Patricia Harrison.

Fourth Grade: Anne Gresham, Patricia Wynne, Geralene Williams, ley, Turner Manning, Ralph Parker, ersonville school principal, was namhandling thirty-one cases on the Martha Dunn Kimball, Judith Ayers, ed president; Ben James, of Poplar docket. A few cases were continu- Betty Sue Clark, David Davis, Tomed, but most of them were cleared my Hardison, Janet Ross, Billy Glov- ry Edwards, of Williamston, secreter and Pattie Williams.

Fifth Grade: Wadie Gardner, Jean named chairman of a special commit-Eleven of the defendants tried dur-ing the long session were sentenced Mary Ann Manning, and Sally Rob- the aid of the newly elected officerson. Sixth Grade: Anne Jones and Er- special committee, the club will meet

to discuss the by-laws and handle one to ninety days. Fines imposed Seventh Grade: Elizabeth Griffin, other business. During the mean-Exhorbitant Charge during the day amounted to \$385, not to mention the court costs which will run into the several hundred dollars. Seventh Grade: Elizabeth Griffin, Batsy Horton, Mary C. Leggett, Ruby Savage, Harriet Ward, Bobby Clayrun into the several hundred dollars. Savage, Harriet ward, Bobby Clay tional session ruesday ing townships For Stove Repairs run into the several hundred dollars. There were several "high" spots in the proceedings Monday. One or Jane King, Sarah Manning, Jean Addressing Addressing the interested fisher-McLawhorn, and Bettie Lou Wobmen and hunters at the meeting, bleton Ross O. Stevens, former State Col-Eighth Grade: Rachel Chesson, lege professor and executive vice Nancy Robertson, Frank Wynne, Jes- president of the North Carolina sic Mae Nelson, Elizabeth Whitley, Wildlife Federation, explained how Lilybet Muse, Magdalene Mizzell, the organization came into existence Madeline Chesson, and Sadie Banks. and outlined its objectives. High School: Guy Carrow, Landy He pointed out that about thirty Griffin, Julian Mason, Harold years ago, hunters and fishermen in Quayle, Doris Cullipher, Sallie those sections where game and fish Hardison, Edna Hadley, Laure Franwere rapidly disappearing, attemptces Peele, Edna Hadley, Elizabeth de to do something about the scarci-Honking Louise Criffin and Elizabeth to but their offerts were not your of your and something about the scarcibeth Manning.

Honor Students In New Owner To Convert Fair County Teams Open **Local Schools For** Grounds Into Residential Lots Basketball Tourney **The Fourth Period**

Purchasing the fairgrounds just former Major Herbert Whitley, and west of Williamston's town limits for former Sgt. Clayton Crofton to a reported \$35,000, Mr. Jesse Whitley handle the development, stated that the west fence running along the is planning an extensive real estate McCaskey or Slaughter House Road development there, the new owner would be moved in a short time back stating ysterday that possibly 250 lots about 150 feet, that the next step in

for home construction and several the development program would call for business development could and for a street approximately 300 feet expected shifts in team standings, would be made available on the ap- from and running parallel to the proximately 35 acres of land. Slaughter House Road. Additional While it may be possible to hold a streets will be opened at certain disfair there this fall, it is fairly definite tances from time to time with a few

that the purchase of the property connecting streets to be included. marks the beginning of the end of A certain portion of the property the old Martin County fair that blos- fronting the main highway will be somed forth as a white elephant in reserved for business structures the period following the close of about where the main gate to the World War I and struggled down grounds is now located.

through the years. Immediate de-The new owner does not plan to velopment plans will not materially operate a fair himself, but interested crowd the main portion of the fair parties will possibly find it available. grounds, the owner explained, but The Martin County Legion Post, from time to time additional streets operator of a fair there for several will be opened to claim a greater years, contemplated purchasing the part if not all the property. Mr. Whitley, looking to his son, expire. property, but allowed its option to



Here On March 6th Bear Grass Girls Enter Annual Court Event With Ten

Wins To Their Credit

Climaxing a season marked by un-Martin County school basketball teams will open their annual tournament in the Williamston High School gymnasium Wednesday evening, March 6, Chairman Sam D. Bundy announced yesterday.

The first tourney pairings announced by the athletic committee find Oak City girls pitted against Jamesville, Robersonville against Williamston and Bear Grass against Farm Life. For the boys the pairings are, Farm Life against Jamesville, Robersonville against Williamston, and Bear Grass against Oak City

Scheduled to run for three nights -March 6, 7 and 8-the tourney offers four games Wednesday and Thursday nights and the finals on Friday.

The Bear Grass girls, with ten vic-tories and no defeats to their credit during regular season play, enter the tournament as heavy favorites. Jamesville and Robersonville girls have more than held their own in regular season play, but Farm Life. Oak City and Williamston, with percentages bearing heavily against them, have an up-hill fight to win if they survive the early rounds. According to the committee's report, the Jamesville girls won 7 and lost three; Robersonville won six and lost three; Farm life won three and lost six; Oak City won two and lost eight, and Williamston won one and lost nine.

The eligibility of one of the best players on the Bear Grass girls' team is being questioned, and a decision in the case, it was pointed out, can possibly alter the course of the tournament. It is not certain whether Miss Leona Rawls is playing her fourth or fifth year as a member of the Bear Grass sextet.

On the boys' card no perfect record was chalked up during regular season play, but Farm Life and Robersonville are tied for top positions with eight victories and two defeats each. The Bear Grass lads more than held their own by winning seven and losing only three. Jamesville dropped six and won four. Williamston won three and lost seven. Even though they did not break into the winning colum during the reguar season the Oak City lads are entering the tourney with determination, hoping to relieve the record of ten defeats. A small admission fee will be charged, and large crowds are expected to attend all the games.

liday, Phylliss Jones, Edward Laughinghouse, Jane Manning, Vivian Pate, Annette Rogers, and Herbert Ward. Third Grade: Frankie Everett. Doris Rogers, Janice Holliday, Robert Weston, Joyce Manning, Janice Rogers, Bobby Manning, Carl Lee

Bufflap, Jean Coltrain Jessie Corey, Betty Martin, Jean Whichard, Lelia

Janice Manning, Betty Helen Mob- fish program. A. L. Hendren, Rob-Point, vice president, and John Hentary-treasurer. V. J. Spivey was

ers. Following a meeting of the

several drawing terms ranging from nest Taylor.

says of the Red Cross:

"During my years with our troops in Great Britain, North Africa and on the European continent, I developed a warm admiration for the friendly, understanding and highly efficient service performed by the American Red Cross for our fighting men. The close of hostilities brought no conclusion to the necessary function of that organization with the Army. The work must continue as long as our troops are sta-

tioned in foreign lands. "I express the earnest hope of the charges reported to them, investigat-Army that the American public will ed and found no trace of the car us-

continue its generous support of the ed by the three men and no such Red Cross during 1946. Speaking in behalf of the Red persons are known here. Cross, Fleet Admiral C. W. Nimitz

said: bery, reached a climax this week "In my capacity as Chief of Oper-

ations, I am pleased to have this opportunity to lend every support to black on a few vulnerable spots and fendant's car. the American Red Cross. presented a bill for \$40.32.

"Major hostilities have now ceas-Reports reaching here declared ed, but that does not in any way mean the end of the work of the American Red Cross: In addition to an undue advantage, that the repairs the members of the naval and other possibly cost more than the price paid for the stove when it was new. armed services who are now station-

ed in Germany and Japan, there are those in various other outlying stations for from their homes who are still on active duty-including those waiting for an opportunity to return to the United States. We must continue to concern ourselves as to the

welfare of these men, particularly those who are wounded or incapacitated in any manner. "I wholeheartedly urge continuing

fuli support of the worthy efforts of the American Red Cross during these critical times of readjustment from war to peace, a period which will directly influence the peace and stability of the future.'

Mayor Expected Home Soon From The Hospital

Dock Kennedy, colored man, was Undergoing treatment for high said late yesterday to be slightly imblood prossure in a Washington hosproved. His condition, however, is pital for several days, Mayor John still serious L. Hassell was reported last evening

to be improving rapidly, and that he expected to return home shortly. If he is unable to attend, Mayor

Pro-tem L. P. Lindsley will preside over the regular meeting of the town commissioners here Monday evening.

Constructing Soda Shop And Store In Hamilton

Bichard Raynor is constructing a store and sod', shop in Hamilton. Un-able to get brick, the builder is using cinder blocks.

Returns From Hospital

Master Randy Allen returned home Wednesday from Durham where he underwent medical attention for about a week.

the proceedings Monday. One or two witnesses were said to have According to reliable reports showed little discretion in their rereaching here, self-styled experts marks and other were considered are charging exhorbitant prices for very impolite. The court ruled the making repairs to various types of prosecution "frivolous" and "unnecstoves in this section. The names of essary" and taxed the prosecuting the itinerant trio could not be learn- witness with the costs in one case. In ed, but one of the group gave his ad- another case, the prosecuting witdress as Williamston. Authorities, ness asked the defense attorney if flabbergasted by the exhorbitant she were on trial.

Proceedings: In the case charging S. L. Corey with hit-and-run driving, resulting in property damage, judgment was The practice, recognized by some suspended upon the payment of the as being worse than highway rob- costs. It was reported that the defendant had paid the prosecuting when the three men placed a part in witness, Charlie Moore of James

term of about thirty-two months,

a cook stove, smeared a little lamp ville, \$35 for a dog killed by the de-The case charging Willie and Dennis Modlin and Rudolph Goss with

was nol prossed. A continuance until next Monday was allowed in the case charging fire. Chas. E. Hassell with damaging personal property.

Charged with disorderly conduct New Hamilton Theater and assaulting a female, D. D. Hill pleaded guilty of assaulting a female Projector equipment for the new sater to be built in Hamilton was and was sentenced to the roads for purchased a few days ago by repre-three months. The road sentence was suspended for one year upon the sentatives of the project. The equipment purchased was described as the payment of a \$15 fine and costs and on condition that the defendant vio-

Materials have been placed on the late no criminal law during the perlot but construction is not yet underiod of suspension. Charged with an assault with a deadly weapon, Navin Hawkins was adjudged not guilty.

The case charging Charlie Cherry with operating without a chauffeur's license was continued until next Monday

N. S. Nichols was fined \$15 and taxed with the costs in the case charging him with an assault. Willie Mack Bryant, charged with

non-support, pleaded guilty, and the case was continued under prayer for udgment until the first Monday in January upon the payment of the costs and \$5 a week for the support of his children. Bond in the sum of \$100 was required. Facing a similar charge, Oscar Council, received the ame judgment. During the process of the trial of the case charging C. B. James with an assault with a deadly weapon, the court ruled that the prosecution was frivolous and unnecessary and

the prosecuting witness, William Owens, was required to pay the costs. James and Os ens were so in togethe Martin County Tamuers plantd this year possibly twice the yardage needed to produce, uaer after court leaving a county liquor der normal conditions, enorgh store with a bottle of liquor. When plants for their allotted acreage. the case was called the prosecuting However, a few were late getting witness accompanied the defendant their plant beds sown, some to the bar of justice. Owens declarcompleting the task only a few

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Firemen Galled To East Main Street Home Tuesday

Firemen were called to the home of Ethel Gorham on East Main Street here last Tuesday afternoon at 4:30 that the stove owner was placed at cutting timber on property of others, o'clock when a chimney caught fire

and spilled sparks on the shingle roof. No damage was done by the



Motorists apparently went wild on Martin County highways last week when they added six accidents to the column, boosted the number of injured in highway wrecks so far this year to 16 and jumped the property damage to \$6,200. But they managed by a very, very narrow eliminate the 'political turnover' in margin to steer clear of the the department every four years and death column which already has a big start over the figures for the corresponding period in 1945. Drunken drivers have contrib-

uted their part, but it is fairly apparent that too many drivers are thinking about other things when they get under a steering wheel. The highway death toll in North Carolina will approximate 200 during the first two months of this year. There is more talk about the accident record now than at any time in year, but apparently too many choose to talk about it and do nothing about it.

fer a comparison of the accident trend: first, by corresponding for each year to the present time

Eighth Week Accidents Inj'd Killed Dam'ge \$ 1,400 33 9 0 725 **Comparisons To Date** 6.200 25 16 2 1945 10 1,655 - 5 0

explaining that war regulations re-stricted attendance at that time to

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not render a favorable report and

they went to a Raleigh hotel that

day and held an organizational meet-ing. On last March 19, an invitation

was issued to fifty persons in all

parts of the State to attend a second

meeting in Raleigh," Stevens said,

today to resume his work as rector of the Church of the Advent here. The Chaplain-Major, entering the service in April, 1943, served overseas nineteen months in England's Birmingham area. and expects his discharge in about three weeks from the Army. He began his ministry here in the spring of 1939, and will end his leave of absence when he holds services Sunday

His rectorship interrupted by

a call to duty in the armed forc-

es, Rev. John W. Hardy returned

morning at 11 o'clock. His friends, including many outside his denomination, welcome him back to his old duties.

successful. "In 1924-25, the Isaac Project Next Week was short-lived," Mr. Stevens said,

adding that in 1939 an attempt was made to perfect a game and fish program on a state-wide basis. Seventeen counties were organized, but the plan lost. "However, much inmade this week by the company's with you always. organization," Stevens explained. "To superintendent, B. C. Reeves. date, there are over 10,000 members

and the federation has 94 clubs in surfacing of about four miles of that many counties in the State. road. It is understood that 95 work-"Our organization was started two ing days have been allowed for comyears ago about the time the two pleting the project. During the candidates were campaigning for meantime ittlie nope is held for imgovernor. Both of the candidates provement of other county roads promised the hunters and fishermen new set-up, and those promises but when the commssion in Raleigh were made in good faith, no doubt. but they were not carried out. There was strong opposition to the new from Raleigh where the authorities plan," the speaker declared. "Govmet this week in secret session. ernor R. G. Cherry remembered his promises, but changed his mind and

Receives Discharge From named a committee to investigate Army Short Time Ago the proposed change which would

Serving in the Army Medical Corps for two and one-half years, Joseph

which would create a nine-district E. Mizelle, son of Mrs. Jas. A. Robdepartment with the appointment of erson of this county, recently reone man from one of the territories ceived his discharge and has joined each year, leaving five old members his wife and son. During his stay in the service he crossed the Atlanti fourteen times.

FARM PLANS

Another call is being directed to the approximately 300 farmers in this county who have not signed their 1946 farm plans, the office of the county agent pointing out that April 1 will be the last day for signing under the 1946 program. It was also pointed out that any farmer who does that date will forfeit any claim to payments pledged under the 1946 program More than 1,300 farmers in this

county have already signed the 1946 plans, it was learned this week.

Sends Greetings To **County Young Man**

Recently discharged from the Navy, Charlie Bowen, son of Mrs. Jane Bowen and the late Paul Bowthe Navy:

I have addressed this letter to reach you after all the formalities of your separation from active ser-

The contractors, Suber and Com- vice are completed. I have done so pany of Whitmire, S. C., are planning because, without formality but as to start work on the Oak City-Coun- clearly as I know how to say it, I cil Store project in the upper part of want the Navy's pride in you, which the county next week, it was learn- it is my privilege to express, to reach terest was created and the stage was ed today following an inspection trip into your civil life and to remain

You have served in the greatest The contract calls for grading and Navy in the world.

It crushed two enemy fleets at once, receiving their surrenders only four months apart.

It brought our land-based airpower within bombing range of the enemy, and set out ground armies on the Several projects have been proposed, | beachheads of final victory.

It performed the multitude of tasks plans to undertake them has not been necessary to support these military announced, and little can be learned operations.

No other Navy at any time has done so much. For your part in these achievements you deserve to be proud as long as you live. The Nation which you served at a time of crisis will remember you with gratitude

The best wishes of the Navy go with you into civilian life. Good luck!

Little Business Scheduled For Commissioners' Meeting

Other than the drawing of citizens for jury duty during the April term of superior court and the handling of routine duties, the Martin County ommissioners are expected to andle very little business at their egular meeting here next Monday. As far as it could be learned no delegations will appear before the meeting in the interest of county roads.

Local All-Stars Win Over Jamesville Girls, 25-20

Williamston's girl all-star Dasker bail team "defeated" the Jamesville all-star sextet in a thrilling game 25 o 20 here last Wednesday evening. The locals are playing a return game in the Jamesville gymn this evening.

on the board at the end of every administration "Possibly Mr. Cherry added the program when he named the committee," Stevens pointed out. "The governor's committee called hearings and a goodly number of hunters

and fishermen appeared before the group, pointing out that the hunters and fishermen pay the bill and that they are entitled to a voice in how the money is spent. The hunters and fishermen at the hearing were convinced that the committee would

The following tabulations of-

1945 6 1945 2 1946

Quite Ill In Hospital His skull fractured when struck by a motorcycle driven by Sammy Taylor, local young man, on West

Purchase Equipment For

most modern on the market.

way on the new movie house

Accident Victim Continues

Main Street last Saturday morning,

TOBACCO PLANTS

The first of the new crop of

tobacco plants are up and grow-

ing fairly rapidly, farmers in

several of the county townships said this week. "There's a good

stand of the plants," several of

the farmers declared.

days ago.