

Nearly \$1,200 Is Raised In County For Cancer Fund

Ten Of Eleven Districts Exceed Quotas, Latest Report Shows

Nearly \$1,200—\$1,193.34, to be exact—has been raised and reported to date in this county for the National Cancer Fund, Chairman Robert L. Coburn announced Monday. Ten of the eleven districts where quotas were assigned have exceeded their goals, some of them more than doubling the amount asked. No complete report has been received from Hamilton, the chairman explained.

Williamston, with a quota of \$450, went over the top last week-end, the township chairman, Mrs. P. B. Cone, reporting that \$454.33 had been raised in the district to boost the total for the county to \$1,193.34. In addition to that amount, Robersonville's Trio Theater raised in excess of \$300 which is being forwarded direct to the National Fund through the motion picture industry.

Contributions not previously acknowledged in Williamston Township follow: Ann's Variety Store, \$10; F. U. Barnes, \$5; Margolis Bros., \$20; Elizabeth Parker, \$3; B. T. Hurley, \$1; Mrs. Dean Speight, \$2; Mrs. C. A. James, \$2; Mrs. G. W. Hardison, \$4; Essie Peel, \$1; Katherine Sluder, \$5; Roanoke Chevrolet, \$5; Mrs. John Ward, \$2; Clyde Griffin, \$1; Mrs. D. C. McLawhorn, \$1; King Tobacco Co., \$5; W. I. Skinner Co., \$5; John L. Goff, \$2.50; Peel and Manning, \$5; Davis Pharmacy, \$5; Watts Theater, \$10; Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Barnhill, \$5; Estelle Crawford, \$5; Mrs. M. D. Wilson, \$5; Titus Critcher, \$5; Stewart Critcher, \$5; Lions Club, \$10; Williamston Motor Co., \$5; Bill Spivey, \$5; Clyde Manning, \$5; Wheeler Martin, \$5; Eagles Stores, \$5; Lawrence Peel, \$2; J. D. Woodard, \$1; Dillon Cobb, \$3; Alpha Cleaners, \$5; O. L. Willard, \$5; Warren Biggs, \$1; E and W Grocery, \$2.50; G. P. Hall, \$1; Pioneer Shop, \$2; Proctor Shop, \$2; D. E. Darden, \$5; Belk-Tyler, \$15; McCleese Grocery, \$3; Ayers Electric Co., \$5; C. E. Jenkins, \$5; Moore Grocery, \$12.50; Eastern Bond and Mortgage Co., \$2; Blue Star Cleaners, \$3; Throwing Appliance Co., \$2.50; Martin Supply Co., \$5; Sarah Wobblenton, \$1; Dorothy Manning, \$1; Mrs. Tilghman Coltrain, \$1; J. Sam Getsinger, \$2; Mary Charles Godwin, \$2, and Lindsley Ice Co., \$4.

Price Violations Reported In This Area By The OPA

Twelve of the 390 grocery stores in the Williamston area were found, through a survey just completed by the Local OPA Price Board, to be charging more than ceiling prices, for the most popular canned fruits and vegetables, the chairman of the board announced last week-end.

The survey covered canned green beans, corn, peas, tomatoes, tomato juice, peaches, pears, pineapple and juice, and fruit cocktail which represented about 60 percent of all sales of canned fruits and vegetables.

Prices were checked on all the brands and types which were on the grocers' shelves regardless of whether they were or were not listed on the "Community Ceiling Price List." Space is limited on the posted list so that it is impossible to include every brand and type.

BOARD MEMBER



Ernest Edmondson, Hassell farmer-business man and former school teacher, was recently appointed by the Martin County Democratic Executive Committee to succeed Leslie W. Hardison as a member of the Martin County Board of Education.

Jamesville Man Robbed of \$103

Masquerading as stove repairmen, two white men robbed Steve Staton, aged colored man, of \$103 at his home near Jamesville last Friday noon. Officers entered the case a short time later, but the two men covered their retreat and escaped in an old truck.

Going to the home and finding the old man alone, the two men agreed to repair a stove for \$5. They demanded payment in advance. When Staton went to get the money, one followed him and the other tinkered with the stove. After receiving payment, one of the men used a little silver polish on the stove while the other slipped into the room and lifted \$98 in cash from his hiding place in a trunk. Accomplishing the robbery, the two men left without handling the repair job. Staton became suspicious when he inspected the stove and found that they had merely filled a crack in the stove with putty. He went to the trunk and found his money gone.

With tears in his eyes, he reported his ill luck. Officers, working in the Jamesville community at the time, entered the case immediately and patrolmen were called to help. The thieves left in the direction of Jamesville, but they are believed to have later turned off on a dirt road, doubled around Jamesville, making good their escape.

Firemen Get Two Calls Saturday

Local firemen were called out twice last Saturday, first to Dr. Edward Early's office on Washington Street that morning and to a store room just back of Sam Zemon's store on Main Street. Very little damage was done by fire at either place, Fire Chief G. P. Hall said.

The early fire started from an oil stove and scorched the floor and smoked one room. Someone fired a small pile of trash paper just outside the Zemon storeroom, and the fire spread to the building. Very little damage was done to the building, but one or two chairs and several chair cushions were damaged.

Officers Review Work of County's Legion Auxiliary

Report Submitted Recently By President And The Secretary

Recently completing another year, the John Walton Hassell Unit No. 163, American Legion Auxiliary, handled an effective work during the period, according to a report submitted a few days ago by the president, Mrs. John A. Ward, and the secretary, Mrs. R. H. Goodmon.

With a membership of thirty-two, the Auxiliary met all its obligations, including a \$12 donation to the Central Fund, \$5 to the Educational Fund and \$2.75 to the Hospital Memorial Library Fund, given in memory of Mrs. Sadie Peel, an active member of the auxiliary for a number of years.

Among its present membership, the report states, there are four Gold Star mothers, three from the first and one from the second World War, and three Gold Star sisters. Last year the auxiliary sold 1,500 poppies for \$219.56. The same number has been ordered for the sale this year on May 25, the president explaining that money from the poppy sales is used for child welfare and rehabilitation.

In its child welfare program, the auxiliary has handled an effective work, the president stating that \$20 had been contributed to a needy child in Jamesville, that clothes were bought and that the home economics department had altered them. The auxiliary donated \$50 to a child in the county who has had nearly 150 blood transfusions, the members also working to arrange blood for the transfusions. In April a pinafore and slip were made and donated to the child, and other gifts are offered each time she is hospitalized.

The rehabilitation program for veterans represented a cash contribution of approximately \$300, and included the distribution of sweaters, a radio, books, special Christmas boxes and other remembrances for disabled in veterans' hospitals at Oteen and Fayetteville. Personal notes were written, offering encouragement to those who have spent years in hospitals, and any number of other thoughtful acts were done by the auxiliary members and officers.

In its war activities, the auxiliary helped at the Red Cross sewing room and participated in war bond drives, the membership investing \$16,000 in bonds during the last two drives. Its members have served on various committees and served as hostesses and furnished refreshments for servicemen visiting the USO in Williamston.

Its work in the community has been valuable also, the president pointing out that two girls, one from Jamesville and one from (Continued on page six)

County Girls Are Named Marshals At College

Miss Emma Lou Taylor, Williamston, and Miss Margaret Johnson, Robersonville, were named marshals for their literary societies at East Carolina Teachers' College, Greenville, last week. Miss Taylor, a senior, for the Corneliens, and Miss Johnson for the Dikeans.

Fire District Is Extended Here By Town Board

Studying Bid For Making Repairs To Old Fire Truck Costing \$6,600

Meeting in regular session for about an hour last evening, the local town commissioners handled routine matters, extended the fire district and discussed a few other matters without taking official action in several instances.

Anticipating a continued expansion of commercial building on Washington Street, the commissioners following a short discussion, ordered that the fire district be extended from Pearl Street to the railroad, the newly affected area to include a strip two hundred feet wide on both sides of Washington Street. The fire district was extended to Pearl Street several years ago. All building construction in the newly restricted area will have to conform to fairly strict regulations.

The Virginia Electric and Power Company filed a formal application for permission to amend its contract with the town to place in effect a lower municipal power and light rate.

Appearing before the meeting, a delegation of leading colored citizens discussed the possibility of building a recreational center. It was explained that the colored citizens had raised approximately \$1,500 for the project, and the town previously had pledged support. Not certain of building restrictions and priorities, the delegation will contact the proper authorities for rulings and report their findings to the mayor. The spokesman pointed out that there was urgent need to keep children off the streets, that every effort would be made to promote better citizenship among his race.

A bid, calling for an expenditure of approximately \$6,600 for reconditioning the town's old fire truck, was received and the commissioners discussed it but delayed final action until today when a committee composed of Commissioners L. P. Lindsley, Roy T. Griffin and N. C. Green, will study the proposal in detail. It was pointed out that the contract calls for a complete overhauling and added equipment, that the truck will carry the same guarantee as a new one when the work is completed.

S. H. Grimes appealed to the board for the widening of North Houghton Street from Simmons Avenue to Grace Street and the construction of a sidewalk along the street in the same block.

Mysteriously Hurt Saturday Evening

Raymond Harrington, young Robersonville colored man, was badly but not seriously hurt under rather mysterious circumstances in Oak City last Saturday night. Struck with some blunt weapon, the man suffered a bad gash in his forehead and lost much blood before he could reach a doctor's office there.

Harrington, traveling alone, claims that he stopped his car on the streets there and went to sleep, that some one struck him while he slept. Officers are of the opinion that the victim is withholding the details of the attack. After receiving medical attention, Harrington drove away, declaring just before leaving that he never expected to return to Oak City.

REGISTRATION

Although there was a marked increase last Saturday, registrations for the approaching political primary on May 25 are going forward in very small numbers, according to incomplete reports received this week.

Nineteen persons registered in Williamston's two precincts last Saturday, boosting the county to 21. Some precincts have not yet registered their first new voter.

Next Saturday, May 11, is the last day to register for the primary. Those who have voted in previous primaries or general elections do not have to register to participate in the May 25 primary.

County Board Of Commissioners In Regular Meeting

Highway Commission Denies Request For Road In Jamesville Area

With very little special business on their calendar, the Martin County Commissioners held a very short and uneventful session on Monday. The meeting very likely will be the last short one in some time because the authorities are just before going into the new fiscal year budgets and future sessions are almost certain to be tedious and long. It was considered likely a short time ago that the commissioners would be called in to special session for a discussion of the new fiscal year budget figures, but the figures will hardly be ready before sometime in June, and no called meeting is expected.

Various departmental reports were received at the meeting this week and routine matters were handled in a very short time.

C. J. Goodman, assistant county agent for the past thirteen months, officially tendered his resignation effective the 21st of this month, and it was received with regret. Expressing his appreciation for the opportunity of working in this county and for the splendid cooperation received from the commissioners and the general public, Mr. Goodman explained that he was going with the Frozen Locker Foods, Incorporated, in Williamston, as manager.

Reynold T. Gardner was permanently relieved of the payment of poll taxes on account of physical disability.

James Thomas Howard, colored of Robersonville, was relieved of the payment of \$2 poll tax for the year 1944 since he was in the Army. Hubert C. Roberson, white of Williams Township, was relieved of the payment of \$2 poll tax.

William Godard, colored, of Bear Grass, was relieved of payment of \$3.42 in 1945 taxes on account of death.

The estate of F. E. Bufflap, late of Williamston, was relieved of the payment of \$274 taxes due in 1945. Taxes in the amount of \$2 were cancelled for J. E. Strawbridge and Naomi R. Leggett, both of Williamston, when it was shown that the accounts had been listed in error. Requesting the highway commission to take over and maintain a small stretch of the old Williamston - Jamesville highway which was abandoned when the new road was located, the county commissioners were advised that a survey revealed it was not advisable for the highway commission to include the road in its system. "We have so much work rendering greater service elsewhere, that it would not be practical to include it," the commission engineer replied in denying the request.

Vets Offered Aid By Farm Security

Requests from veterans accounted for 24 percent of the 1,397 applications for Farm Security Administration rural rehabilitation loans received from farm families during March in FSA Region IV, comprising Kentucky, North Carolina, Tennessee, Virginia and West Virginia.

In North Carolina there were 385 applications, 92 or 24 percent of them from veterans, according to James C. Eubanks, FSA Supervisor for Martin County.

Mr. Eubanks said that many of the veterans returning to farms find rural rehabilitation loans useful for operation expenses and the purchase of livestock and equipment. Loans are repayable in one to five years and bear five percent interest. About 1,000 loans averaging \$648 have been made to veterans in this region.

Applications on hand in this region for farm ownership loans total over 10,000, of which about eight percent are from veterans. In North Carolina there are 1,713 of which 14 percent are veterans applications, Mr. Eubanks stated. Farm ownership loans may run 40 years at three percent interest on unpaid principal. To date 39 loans averaging \$5,810 have been made to veterans in this region.

Winner and Champion



Jack Williamson, Bear Grass 4-H Club boy, is pictured with his prize-winning steer following Martin County's third annual Fat Stock Show held recently in Williamston. The youngster, one of about forty Martin County 4-H club members to participate in the show, sold the grand champion for 61 cents a pound.

Majority Vote Given In Saturday Election

Schools In Local District May Now Add New Courses

Proposal Also Makes It Possible To Supplement Teacher Salaries

The special school election for the Williamston district last Saturday was carried by a majority of seventy-seven votes, Mr. R. L. Perry, chairman of the Martin County Board of Commissioners, announced yesterday after the returns were filed with his board by the two precinct registrars.

Out of a total registration of 353 potential voters, 272 were cast in the election last Saturday. All but eighteen of the votes cast favored the proposal which received 254 votes, a clear majority of seventy-seven votes. Eighty-one of those registering for the election did not vote, and those votes automatically were counted against the proposal. Those 81 votes, plus the eighteen votes actually cast against the measure, boosted the opposition's strength to ninety-nine votes.

In Precinct No. 1, Miss Edith Stallings, registrar, stated that 116 out of the 167 registered participated in the election. The nine votes actually cast against the proposal plus the 51 which went to the opposition because they were not voted, boosted the opposition to sixty, leaving the box in the No. 1 precinct a clear majority of 23 votes.

In the No. II precinct, Registrar O. S. Anderson reported that 156 of the votes registered were cast in the election. Nine were cast in opposition to the measure which with those of the thirty who did not vote boosted the opposition in that precinct to thirty-nine, but leaving the measure a majority of fifty-three votes in the No. II box.

Messrs. Fred Taylor, J. E. Pope and J. T. Price served as judges of election. The voting, representing hardly more than one-fifth of the potential vote in the district, was without incident. Quite a few citizens forgot to register, and some of those who registered forgot to vote. School forces reminded several to vote and helped build up a safe majority for the proposal.

As a result of the favorable vote last Saturday, the local schools are now in a position to add three courses to the curriculum and supplement minimum teacher salaries. The proposed courses are public school music, band and supervised recreation. It may be that all three of the courses will (Continued on page six)

Continues Quite Ill In A Durham Hospital

Little Miss Peggy Harrison continues quite ill in a Durham hospital, according to last reports reaching here. She has been a patient in the hospital for nearly three weeks, and has received several blood transfusions during that time.

Robt. L. Humber Addresses Local Club And Guests

Candidate For Congress In District Talks About World Federation

"Federation backed by law is the ultimate and only means of maintaining and preserving peace throughout the world," Robert Lee Humber, candidate for Congress from the First Congressional District, said last Thursday evening in a convincing address before the local Kiwanis Club who had as its guests twenty Kiwanians from Tarboro.

"The League of Nations was a great effort in the right direction to build a permanent peace but it was found ineffective and could not supply the deficiency because its operations consisted of resolutions rather than law," Mr. Humber said. "The League, the UNO and the United Nations Charter are commendable but they do not go far enough," the speaker added. "A world federation backed by law and an international police force is the only solution and we must do some constructive and creative thinking and quickly, if we are to save the universe from chaos and destruction."

Mr. Humber threw out a challenge to think along the lines of human experience. "Law, which is fundamentally principle No. 1, must be adopted as the guiding force in saving the world. Peace and security in our own communities and cities are based upon law and without law and a world federation all the treaties, tribunals and arbitration will be of little consequence," he said.

"The two bombs that were planted on Japanese soil were equivalent to 20 thousand tons of TNT. Now, it is reported, a bomb has been developed that has the strength of one million tons of TNT."

Picturing the world as a patient, Mr. Humber said we must diagnose its ills and apply the cure which is law. "If we wait it may be too late. It is predicted that a bomb may be developed that if dropped in the United States it would dig a crater from New York to Detroit, a distance of several hundred miles.

"Cooperation and resolutions are fine but we must have organized authority to stop nations like Japan and Germany. The opposite of law is anarchy and without law and order the world and nations will disintegrate and finally destroy themselves," the speaker concluded.

Scout Camporee Is Rained Out

The annual Boy Scout camporee of the Eastern Carolina Council was washed out in Wilson last week-end after the nearly 1,600 youths braved cold rains Friday evening and night.

Camp was broken Saturday morning, a full day ahead of schedule, and the lads turned home in chartered busses greatly disappointed but still hoping another camp would be arranged. Jamesville, Robersonville and Williamston were represented at the camporee, 51 going from here.

Hyman Edwards, son of Mr. and Mrs. A. P. Edwards of Williamston, was bitten by a spider and was hospitalized. His condition soon improved and he was returned home by his parents and is in school today.

Williams Raises \$37.03 For Fund

Submitting a final report last week-end, Chas. L. Daniel, chairman of the cancer fund drive in Williams Township, stated that his district raised \$37.03 for the fund or \$12.03 in excess of the assigned quota.

The names of the solicitors and the amounts collected by them follow: Vivian Hudson, \$2.00; Sallie Bett Harrison, \$4.75; Essie Mendenhall, \$5; Emma Ange, \$2.19; Lennie Perry, \$2.75; Mrs. Annie Modlin, \$5.25; Daisy Manning, \$3.50; Lucy Andrews, \$2; and Sallie M. Hardison, \$9.50.

ROUND-UP

The abrupt closing of the ABC store here for the special school election in this district last Saturday apparently supported sobriety, peace and quiet in the community last week-end. A few bottles of the spirits were imported, but officers declared that there were fewer drunks and arrests during the period than at any other time in months. Only one person was jailed, and as far as it could be learned there were no fights or wrecks in the immediate territory.

Bear Grass Gives \$117.47 To Fund

Headed by J. Russell Rogers, the cancer drive in Bear Grass netted \$117.47, an amount \$67.47 greater than the assigned quota. The district made one of the best showings in the recent drive of any district in the county, R. L. Coburn, county chairman, said.

Chairman Rogers was aided principally by Mrs. Ralph Mobbey and A. B. Ayers, Jr.

The following contributed one dollar each: Kneezier Harrison, Irving Terry, Willie Whitehurst, Gormer Harrison, John Leggett, Luther Harris, Tommie L. Roberson, Roland Rogers, William H. Mizelle, William E. Rogers, Mrs. Cylabert Rogers, Alec Williams, William Cratt, A. B. Ayers, Sr., C. A. Hough, B. O. Cowin, J. H. Terry, Mrs. Clarence Bailey, Hildreth Rogerson, Wheeler Rogerson, Henry White, Mrs. Ralph Holliday, W. R. Griffin, Wm. D. Rogerson, Mrs. Amos Perry, H. C. Green, Mrs. H. R. Hunt, Ben Whitehurst, Mr. and Mrs. J. S. Griffin, Elmer Griffin, Mr. and Mrs. Jasper Griffin, Slade Peel, Oliver Coltrain, Mr. and Mrs. Carl Lee Beacham, R. L. Hodges, Arthur Revels, Roy Hadley, W. E. Rogers, Ralph Mobbey, Sam Mobbey, Leon Hall Rawls, J. C. Rawls, W. M. Harrison, W. R. Roebuck, Mrs. Sallie Coltrain, Ellis Malone, W. K. Ward, Mrs. Lewis Holliday, Mr. and Mrs. Archie Hodges, Mrs. Ben Ward, Roy Ward, Redden Leggett, Robert Leggett, John Jackson, Henry D. Peel, M. D. Taylor, Mack D. Leggett, Eli Bowen, Elmer Harrison, Mrs. Leonard Mobbey, Calvin Ayers, William Bowen, Fred McDaniel, Bert Wynne, A. B. Ayers, Jr., Lester Terry, Terry Bros., Heber Taylor, William Taylor, Cecil Leggett, A. C. Harrison, William S. Peel, Le- (Continued on page six)

After serving thirty-one months, fourteen of them overseas, Berkley S. Nicholson, Gunner's Mate 3/c, was discharged by the Navy on May 1, at the Charleston Separation Center. He wears the American and Pacific Theater, Philippine liberation Victory Medals.