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Launch Infantile Paralysis Drive In Martin County

Chairman L. B. Wynne Calls Upon People To Support Campaign

Looking to the school folks for help and appealing to the general public for liberal support, Chairman L. Bruce Wynne is launching the 1947 infantile paralysis fund drive in the county this week. Asked to raise $2,120 this year, the chairman is appealing to 400 of the leading citizens by direct mail, urging them and others to reply promptly and after a willing and liberal fashion. Twelve coin collectors are being "planted" in Williamston and Robersonville. Special collections will be taken in the several county theaters. And much dependence for support is being placed in school leaders and pupils, both white and colored.

The drive follows closely the TB seal sale, runs almost parallel with the drive for a veterans' memorial and precedes by a few weeks the Red Cross campaign. But the paralysis fund drive must meet with success, the chairman explains. Last year over $2,200 was spent for the treatment of two polio victims and for the care of four post polio cases. The fund in the county is over drawn, but the treasurer, Mr. Clyde Griffin, pulled $100 out of his own pocket to make certain that the one patient remaining in the hospital would receive every possible attention without interruption. No one knows who'll be the next victim, but regardless of who it is and irrespective of race or creed, the county fund should be ready to help meet the emergency.

Scheduled to get underway on Wednesday of this week, the drive is to run through January 30.

The National Foundation is asking the nation to raise $24,000,000 this year in the March of Dimes to carry on vital research and offer treatment of victims.

Last year the Foundation raised less than sixteen million dollars and the year's polio epidemic virtually exhausted the funds. There were 25,204 paralysis cases in the country, worst since the U. S. Public Health Service began compiling figures, except for 1916 when 27,363 persons were stricken.

Thirty years ago one out of four paralysis victims died. Last year the death toll was reduced to one victim out of ten. Much progress has followed since the Foundation was established just a few years ago. The work must go on, and for it to continue, our people must contribute liberally during the drive this month.

Find Patients Much Improved

Friends, visiting Mayor John L. Hassell in a Washington hospital, and Attorney Wheeler Martin in a hospital at Rocky Mount, last week-end found both patients much improved.

Attorney Martin was said by several friends to be unusually cheerful and bright, that they were expecting him home in early February. Specialists from another hospital visited Mr. Martin and studied his case last Saturday, and it was stated that their report was encouraging.

Sunday, Mayor Hassell, a victim of high blood pressure, was said to be the brightest he had been since entering the hospital there on December 26. It could not be learned when he would be discharged.

Social Security In Its Eleventh Year

Old Age and Survivors' Insurance starts on its second decade this month. It went into effect on January 1, 1937. During these ten years more than 40,00,000 wage earners have become fully insured under the act.

Marshall Barney, manager of the Rocky Mount Social Security Office, stated that the program is one-fourth of the way toward maturity. A man who was 25 years old in January 1937 is now 35, and will be 65 years old in January 1977.

More Robberies Are Reported By Police

Sixteen Places Of Business Entered Since December 9

Six Robberies Reported In Town During the Past Week-End

A wave of robberies and thefts launched locally the early part of last month, swept on unabated last week-end when six more places were entered to boost the total to fifteen since December 9. No statement has been made by local police who, reports state, have not been able to establish a single lead in the first case.

Entering six places of business in the town in early December, the robbers were idle until the fourth of this month when they broke into the Lindsley Ice Company store. Four nights later they broke into the Blue Star Cleaners and the Greene Oil Company station on Washington Street for the second time, and added a new victim, the laundry, to their list.

Last Thursday night robbers used a crow bar to pry their way into Charlie Mack Johnson's store on Church Street. They got about $15 or $20 worth of canned goods, cigarettes and other items. Going to Elm Street the following night, the robbers pulled a staple and went into Walter Mizelle's store and carried away a small amount of change and possibly a few items from the stock.

Last Friday night the Lindsley store was entered for the second time in less than a week. A few dollars were stolen from the cash register and possibly a few cigarettes were carried away. The robbers used the same window both times in forcing an entrance into the Lindsley store.

Tearing a lock from the tool house where Dr. and Mrs. Chas. Harris are building their home on School Drive, robbers stole a number of tools there Thursday night. Other tools were said to have been shoplifted from counters in the Thrower Appliance Company store. A. J. Hardison, young white man, was detained in connection with the shoplifting and for the alleged theft of clothing from boarders in a rooming house here. The clothes and most, if not all the tools, were recovered.

Nothing was missed from Russell Griffin's Sinclair filling station at the corner of Washington and Haughton Streets.

Breaking into Hollywood Inn, once known as Duck Inn, the robbers stole cigarettes and several crates of beer.

Patrolling the section early Saturday morning, a night officer said he heard someone in Hollywood Inn, that he returned to the police station for re-enforcements, that when they returned the robbers were gone but they discovered the break-in.

The robberies here represented only one phase of disregard for law and order in this section during last week. A filling station was robbed on the Hamilton Road and an attempted holdup was reported several miles out on the Washington road. Sheriff C. B. Roebuck stated yesterday that he had made extensive investigations, but so far had been unable to establish a lead in either of the two cases outside the town.

Eleven persons were arrested and jailed during the week for various alleged law violations. A climax was reached early Sunday morning when the sheriff arrested drunken driver, jailed him and delivered the man's girl companion to her home in the country. The gas supply in the officer's car ran out near Holly Springs church in Williams Township, and he walked all the way to town, reaching here about 4:30 o'clock that morning. "I called at a home, but received no answer except from the yard dogs," the officer explained, adding that he felt as if he had walked eighteen miles when he reached town.

Williamston apparently is not the only town plagued by robbers, reports stating that a garage in Goldsboro just across the street from the police department was entered and robbed of more than $2,000 recently.

CLINICS

The first of the clinics scheduled in this county by Dr. W. F. Coppage in cooperation with the Extension Service for the treatment of minor defects in work animals were well patronized, a report from the farm agent's office this week stated. Thirty-three animals were examined and treated the first day at Dardens and Angetown, and twenty-one were carried to Jamesville and Wallace's store last Friday.

A schedule for clinics the remainder of this week appears in this paper.

County Men Get Important Posts In the Legislature

Horton Heads the Insurance Committee; Martin Gets Good Assignments

Martin County men—Hugh G. Horton in the Senate and Chas. B. Martin in the House—drew important committee assignments in the State General Assembly last week. In addition to heading the Insurance committee as chairman, Senator Horton has membership in fourteen other committees including the important finance group.

While this is his first term in the legislature, Representative Martin gained favorable recognition from the start and holds membership in the agriculture and appropriations committees as well as in nine other groups.

In addition to his chairmanship for the insurance committee, Senator Horton is a member of the following committees: agriculture, commercial fisheries, congressional districts, general statutes, constitutional amendments, courts and judicial districts, election laws, finance, interstate and federal relations, justices of the peace, manufacturing, labor and commerce, public utilities, trustees of the Greater University, and veterans' affairs, a total of fifteen assignments.

While holding no chairmanship, Representative Martin did unusually well for a first termer in drawing important committee assignments, eleven all told. He is a member of the following House committees: agriculture, appropriations, congressional districts, counties, cities and towns, education, interstate cooperation, health, journal, penal institutions, veterans' legislation, and justices of the peace.

With these assignments both

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Native Dies In West Virginia

Emmett Jackson (Jack) Edwards, native of Williamston, died suddenly at 2:00 o'clock last Friday morning while on a business trip to Bluefield, West Virginia, the victim of a heart attack suffered about two hours before.

The son of the late Emmett A. and Addie L. Ward Edwards, he was born here fifty years ago. After spending his early life in Williamston he moved with his family to High Point, later locating in Burlington where he was prominently connected with the insurance business and active in American Legion and civic organizations.

Funeral services were conducted at the home in Burlington Sunday afternoon at 2:00 o'clock by his pastor, Rev. L. C. Larkin, former pastor of the church here. Interment was in Pine Hill Cemetery at Burlington.

Surviving are Mrs. Edwards, the former Miss Emma Warren, a daughter, Emma Edwards of Greensboro; two sisters, Miss Louise Edwards of High Point and Mrs. Janie Knox of Williamston, and two brothers, Ralph Edwards of Morganton and William W. Edwards of High Point.

Delegates Report On Their Trip To Farm Convention

Eight Representatives Asked To Attend the State Farm Bureau Meeting

Attending a special meeting in the county courthouse last Friday evening a goodly representation of the Martin Farm Bureau membership heard the three county delegates report on their trip to the national convention of the American Farm Bureau Federation held in San Francisco last month.

Opening the meeting, President Chas. L. Daniel called for the secretary's report. T. B. Brandon announced that there were 2,148 members in the county organization and that the treasury had a balance of $1,648, a goodly part of which is to be used in financing the annual barbecue in late April or early May.

Strongly endorsing the State's proposed Good Health program, the Farm Bureau, according to President Daniel, has been advised that some strong opposition will be offered against the plan by certain groups. Mr. Daniel said that this state ranks first in the South in Farm Bureau members and sixth in the nation, that there are now 62,000 members.

Eight members were asked to represent the Martin Farm Bureau at the state convention to be held in Winston-Salem next month.

The business schedule completed, D. V. Clayton, delegate to the San Francisco meeting, reported on the trip, jokingly offering a few sidelights at his own expense.

"Something was said about getting lost," Clayton said, and went on, "Well, I was lost from the time I left until I returned. As for getting left, I managed to get as far as the Grand Canyon with the group. But one fellow got left before the special train reached South Carolina. The man caught a plane in Goldsboro and caught up with us in Atlanta," the delegate said.

Reaching Atlanta and considering it a safe distance from home, one member of the delegation was accused there of trying to employ a good-looking secretary, but secretaries were ruled out and the party proceeded to New Orleans where a five-hour sightseeing tour was included in the schedule. Mr. Clayton said that it was a beautiful city with its multi-million dollar buildings.

Moving into Texas, the delegate was a bit disappointed when he saw very few cows on the vast rolling plains, "and those we did see were of mixed breeds."

San Antonio is a beautiful city, according to the story which digressed from the trip long enough to say something about Van G. Taylor making the front page in one of the papers there with his picture. No exhibit was offered.

Puffing its way on across the one-state nation, the nineteen car North Carolina special had only one diner to serve several hundred persons, so Clayton got Van up or Van got Clayton up at 5 o'clock in the morning to get a first seat at the breakfast table.

"Part of Texas is a great cotton country. We saw thousands of acres of the staple which is produced at the rate of two bales per acre. Mexicans, paid $2.50 per hundred, were picking the last of the crop. Thousands of bales were seen unprotected beside the railroad," Mr. Clayton said.

After a short stop at El Paso, the group moved into Mexico for a short visit at Juarez, a city of

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ROUND-UP

Eleven persons, charged with violating at least five different laws, were temporarily detained in the county jail last week-end. Mentally unbalanced, one aged person was held there until an opening was made available in a state institution. Five were booked for being drunk and disorderly, two for drunken driving, and one each for larceny and receiving, disorderly conduct and assault.

Five of the eleven were white. The ages of the group ranged from 23 to 60 years.

First Highway Death Of New Year Reported In This County

Report Series Of Accidents In The County Last Week

Richard Davis, Run Over By Large Truck, Dies In Hospital

One person was fatally injured and at least four others were hurt, one badly, in a series of five highway accidents on Martin County highways last week, according to information furnished by members of the highway patrol. Property damage was limited to a nominal amount, the officers said.

Richard Davis, 39-year-old colored man of near Oak City, was fatally injured when he jumped out of a burning truck and was run over by the vehicle on Highway No. 125, six miles out of Williamston, last Friday afternoon about 1:00 o'clock. The rear wheels of the truck ran over the man's leg and he quickly twisted his body but failed to get out of the path of the trailer wheels which ran over his head. Several ribs were broken and his skull was badly fractured. Given first aid in a Williamston doctor's office, he was later removed in a taxi to a Washington hospital where he died at 5:45 o'clock that afternoon.

Although he was fatally hurt, Davis was said to have been able to walk after the accident, and that he was conscious and talked up until just a short time before he died.

Hitchhiking with James Bunch and Alexander Savage who were operating G. H. Manning's truck and trailer loaded with peanuts, Davis said he felt his feet getting hot. Looking down he and the other two men saw smoke rising. Davis did not take time to open the door, but crawled out the door window and either jumped or fell under the truck wheels. Savage, riding in the middle, also crawled out the window behind Davis but held on until the truck was stopped. Bunch, driving the vehicle, opened the left door and steered the truck from the running board down the road for about 100 yards, stopping it on the shoulder. He and Savage beat out the fire which apparently started from a burning cigarette behind the seat cushion.

Neither Bunch or Savage knew what had happened to Davis until a second truck, driven by Joe Maye right behind the Manning truck, told them that the man had been run over. The accident was also witnessed by Willie Jones Dickens and Oscar Staton, occupants of the Moye truck.

Bunch and Savage said that no one had been smoking since they left Hamilton, and they did not know how the fire satrted. Very little damage was done to the truck, according to Cpl. W. T. Simpson who made the investigation.

It was the first fatal accident on a highway in this county in the new year.

Mrs. Whit Moore was badly hurt when she fell out of a mule-drawn cart near her home between Everetts and Williamston last Wednesday. Standing in the cart, Mrs. Moore was driving the mule on the highway when a truck passed and the animal stopped quickly. Mrs. Moore was thrown out of the car on to the concrete and suffered a fracture of the left arm and a bad cut on her forehead. She was treated in the Robersonville Clinic and returned to her home later that afternoon.

Last Friday morning at 7:30 o'clock three persons, two convicts and a guard, were hurt when the highway prison truck and guard's trailer turned over on Highway 125 near Edwards' filling station after colliding with a car driven by Andy Leggett. Two stitches were necessary to close a cut on Woolard Todd's head. Another convict suffered a sprained hand and the guard's hand was slightly cut. The driver of the truck, H. D. Carter, and six convicts and a state employee were not hurt. Mr. Leggett also was

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Plan Certification Of Vets For War Goods Purchases

Representatives of the Veterans Division, War Assets Administration will be in Williamston on Monday, January 27, to confer with and arrange for the certification of all eligible veterans of World War 2 who are interested in buying government surplus war commodities, Mrs. Joanna C. Martin, veterans service officer for this county, announced this week. The representatives will explain the details and plans for the purchase of surplus property, the veterans officer said, adding that by conferring with the representatives the veteran interested in making purchases can save much time and eliminate red tape which is certain to follow if certification is sought by mail through the Charlotte office.

It was pointed out that under present regulations Veterans Preference Certificates are issued solely to enable eligible veterans to purchase any type of surplus property for use in his own business, including professional or agricultural enterprises. It was also pointed out that the surplus property is not available to veterans for their own personal use; that is, the veteran may not purchase a sewing machine or typewriter for his own use, but he may buy if he is in the retail business or if he uses them in a regular or established business.

The representatives, Messrs. J. F. MacMillan and G. L. Lane, will be in the N. C. Employment Service office on the third floor of Williamston's town hall at 9:00 a. m. on the 27th of this month. Veterans are urged to confer with them at that time so full advantage can be taken of this special service by War Assets Administration. Fact sheets covering all phases of veterans preference are available at the veterans service office, the employment office and at the Red Cross office on the third floor of the town hall. Veterans interested in making purchases should get the fact sheets and study them prior to January 27, it was explained.

Start Campaign For War Memorial Fund

Several Thousand Dollars Donated To Fund Already

Committee Seeks To Raise $100,000 For Special Undertaking

A drive to raise $100,000 for a suitable war memorial in this county is being launched by a special committee this week, the chairman, Rev. John W. Hardy, explaining that approximately 4,000 letters are being mailed to citizens urging them to support the undertaking. It was pointed out that several thousands dollars had already been contributed, that three persons gave $1,000 each.

In addition to the appeal for donations, the committee composed of John Hardy, Paul Simpson, John A. Ward, W. G. Peele, W. E. Dunn, Herbert Whitley, Mack Wynne, W. A. Brown, Alfred Ellis, Joe Ayers, Chas. Davenport and I. M. Little, is asking for certain information about the war records of relatives and friends.

More than fifty Martin County men made the supreme sacrifice in World War II alone, and at least eighty-nine were wounded, several critically. It is to the memory of those who laid down their lives and as a tribute to those who served that the John Walton Hassell Post of the American Legion is sponsoring the war memorial drive. In the light of the sacrifices made, it is believed by the committee that the people of this county will act to preserve the records and support a living memorial.

It has been proposed to purchase part of the old fair grounds and grandstand at Williamston and develop it into a great center. Action in that direction is being delayed pending the outcome of the appeal now being addressed to the people of this county.

The letter to be placed in the mails by the committee within the next few days, reads as follows:

"Recognizing the fact that we who are living in this great democratic land of plenty owe an everlasting debt of gratitude to the ones who served their country so valiantly and gave their lives in the past wars that we might continue our chosen way of life, and being reminded by newspaper articles from day to day that other counties in our great state are erecting, or have already provided suitable memorials to their men and women who

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OBSERVANCE

The local Kiwanis club will observe the 32nd anniversary of Kiwanis International with a special program at its meeting Thursday evening of this week at 7:00 o'clock, W. H. Carstarphen, recently elected president of the local club, announced today.

Eleven men attended the first meeting which created Kiwanis in the winter of 1915 in Detroit. Today, the organization has 2,550 clubs and 170,000 members.

Rev. John L. Goff will have charge of the anniversary meeting which will be held in the Woman's Club here.

Blind Man To Get Home From Lions

At the regular semi-monthly meeting of the local Lions Club last Thursday evening, the members present went on record as being willing to finance and help build a small home for Richard Thompson, local blind colored person. Faced with the housing shortage and increased rent, Thompson appealed to the club for their assistance. The club plans to secure one of the former P. O. W. cabins and build to it.

It was announced that Lion W. Clyde Manning had been appointed to serve as Martin County Scout executive. Lion Manning succeeds Wheeler Martin in this capacity, the latter being relieved of this position due to his health. Lion Manning reported on his recent trip to Wilson where he attended a meeting of East Carolina Council of Boy Scouts. It was reported that the local Scout Council Committee had reached their goal of raising $1000 for carrying on scouting work in this district this year.

A report of the chewing gum sales committee was made by Lion Homer Barnhill, Chairman. Lion Clyde Griffin reported that the club's Christmas Cheer Program committee spent $173.08 in providing 49 baskets for the poor and indigent blind cases in this community at Christmas. Lion Mobley reported that the club sent two hundred pound bags of choice peanuts to the students of the State School of the Blind at Raleigh as a Christmas present.

The meeting was called to order by Vice President Julian Harrell, since President Mobley failed to be on time. Lion W. B. Gaylord, Jr., pronounced the invocation. Guests present were W. I. Harrison, W. H. Abernathy, W. W. Tice and Lynwood Taylor.

County Goes Over The Top In Recent Drive for TB Fund

Raise $2,886.80 or Nearly Fifty Percent More Than Quota

Assigned a $2,000 quota, one 25 percent larger than any other, Martin County raised $2,886.80 in the recent TB Fund Drive, County Chairman Chas. H. Manning announced this week. In support of the annual sale of the little Christmas TB seals, every district in the county oversubscribed its quota, and the various organizations and colored schools followed up to carry the drive over the top with nearly fifty percent to spare.

No greater response has been given a similar drive in this county, and the chairman is grateful for the support. Martin, with one of the largest proportionate quotas, was among the first to go over the top and one of the very few to make such a creditable showing.

More than one-fourth of the amount raised is represented in the sale of TB bonds, the chairman pointing out that the Fields Tobacco Company of Robersonville led the list with the purchase of a $50 one. The bond sale was very successful in Williamston where approximately one-half the total was raised. To make certain at the start that the quota would be met, thirteen firms purchased bonds of $25 denominations, 28 bought $10 bonds, and 2[illegible] purchased $5 bonds to boost the bond sale to $815.00.

The colored schools in the county really got behind the sale and accounted for $402.52. Williamston's white girl scouts, handling the sale of the double barred crosses or bangles, raised $95.20 and Williamston's colored girl scouts raised $20.10. Robersonville's Jaycees sponsored a dance during the drive and added $10 to the fund.

The county chairman, reviewing the drive, reported the following contributions by districts:

Williamston, Chas. H. Manning, chairman, $1421.81.

Robersonville Township, Junior Chamber of Commerce heading drive, J. Phillip Keel, chairman, $626.42.

Jamesville Township, Frost Martin, chairman, $105.00.

Williams Township, Chas. [illegible] Daniel, chairman, $84.65.

Griffins Township, Rev. W. [illegible] Harrington, chairman, $82.60.

Bear Grass Township, Elder [illegible] B. Ayers, chairman, $134.26.

Cross Roads Township, Mrs. [illegible] P. Barnhill, chairman, $109.06.

Poplar Point Township, Mr[illegible] Ben James, chairman, $50.00.

Hamilton Township, Craven [illegible] Roebuck, chairman, $114.10.

Goose Nest Township, N[illegible] Johnson, chairman, $157.90.

Late reports boosted the total for the county to $2,905.80. Jamesville reported an additional $1[illegible] Bear Grass, $2, and Williamston Hollywood Inn turned in $7 from the sale of seals.

Colored Citizens Support TB Drive

The colored citizens of Martin County, solicited through the schools, liberally supported the recent TB fund drive, the chairman, Chas. H. Manning, states that $302.52 or over one-tenth of the total amount was contributed through the schools, as follows with the school, the principal and the amount listed in order:

Williamston, E. J. Hayes, $39; Jamesville, Milton Armistead, $10; Bear Grass, Mary K. Wh[illegible] $10.02; Biggs, W. V. Ormond, [illegible] $8.01; Burroughs Spring Hill, [illegible] V. Ormond, Jr., $10; Coreys, E[illegible] R. Hoggard, $2.35; Cross Ro[illegible] Annie M. Cabarrus, $7.15; D[illegible]dens, John S. Jones, $15; Everet[illegible] Ernest L. Owens, $10; Gold Po[illegible] Don G. Chance, $21.43; Hamil[illegible] Rufus Gaither, $10; Jones, D[illegible] L. Robbins, $10; Oak City, Tu[illegible] Slade, $15.90; Parmele, W[illegible] Chance, $32; Poplar Point, [illegible] Council, $10; Robersonville, [illegible] W. Slade, $31.50; Salsbury, [illegible] T. Hyman, $10; Smithwick[illegible]nie M. Hassell, $6.25; Wh[illegible] James, Ralph Keys, $15; [illegible] Oak Springs, Ellen M. L[illegible] Williams Lowes, James H. [illegible] $8.95; Rodgers (Woolards), [illegible]za R. Jones, $16.85; total, [illegible]