

Schools Donate Large Amount To March of Dimes

One Grade Raised Over \$800 In Recent Drive In This County

Few appeals coming from suffering humanity ever struck a more receptive cord than the one advanced in behalf of the infantile paralysis fund recently. The county exceeded its quota by more than a thousand dollars, and new per capita contribution records were established in both the white and colored schools.

In the local schools, Principal B. G. Stewart's charges really did themselves proud when they plugged tenaciously to boost the fund by a total of \$757.83. The drive reached a climax in Mrs. Fussell's fourth grade where the little folks rounded up \$80.05. Miss Bailey's fifth grade was a close second with \$79.66. While the accomplishments were not as great, other grades in the school worked diligently in support of the drive. Striving for a lead position in the campaign, one grade reached into its treasury and extracted approximately \$30 to outdo another grade. The lead grade was ahead by about \$30 when representatives of the other "snooped" around, learned the marginal difference and went to the treasury to take the lead away by a 24-cent margin.

With the exception of a few weak spots, found mainly in the high school, the individual grade contributions reflect a generous and thoughtful group of youngsters, as the figures below clearly indicate:

Primary and elementary buildings: Miss Morris' 1st grade, \$20; Miss Baker's 1st grade, \$19.68; Miss Hardy's 1st grade, \$6; Mrs. Carstarphen's 2nd grade, \$21.13; Miss Crawford's 2nd grade, \$11.40; Mrs. Kimball's 3rd grade, \$24.33; Mrs. Fronberger's 3rd grade, \$37.74; Miss Manning's 3rd grade, \$7.02; Miss Jenkin's 4th grade, \$21.04; Miss Everett's 4th grade, \$57; Mrs. Fussell's 4th grade, \$80.05; Miss Bailey's 5th grade, \$79.66; Mrs. Coburn's 5th grade, \$39.40; and Miss Modlin's 5th grade, \$34.22.

High school building — Miss (Continued on page eight)

Wreck Victim Is Returning Home

Miss Esther Marie Corey, critically injured in an automobile accident near Columbia, South Carolina, just before the Christmas holidays, is being transferred from a hospital there to the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. Corey, in Jamesville this week-end. She is to make the trip in a Biggs ambulance.

Suffering a broken back, hip and fractures of both legs, Miss Corey is in a cast from her chin to her feet and has been a patient in the hospital since the accident.

Employed in Columbia during the latter part of 1946, Miss Corey was returning to her home there from a dance when the car door came open and she fell to the pavement, according to reports reaching here.

WEATHER

Local people for once did more than talk about the weather Wednesday and Thursday of this week when the mercury tumbled within a few hours to a low of 16 degrees Wednesday night. They started firing their heaters and pulling out the long red flannels. Fooled by the weather man so many times in recent months, quite a few did not believe the mercury could drop from the sixties to the teens, but he hit it right on the nose and respect for the prognosticator increased.

The mercury climbed a bit Thursday with a still greater climb promised. But the relief is to be of short duration, the weather man turning the section loose for a day or two just to get a better cold weather grip over the week-end when the mercury is predicted to nose dive again.

Permits Necessary Before Burning Brush Or Woods

Forest Fire Warden Marvin Leggett pointed out this week that permits must be procured before anyone should burn brush in or near woodlands during the forest fire season months. To burn brush without first procuring a permit from a designated warden, one is subject to indictment and conviction in the courts. The warden pointed out that two defendants, Sam Stevens and Joe Williams, of the Robersonville area, stand indicted for burning brush without permits last Saturday and Monday. Their cases are scheduled for a review in the county court next Monday. The warden added that damage done by the two fires amounted to approximately \$300.

Permits are issued by the county warden and by district wardens in this county as follows:

CHAIRMAN



Claude B. Clark, Jr., World War II veteran and local druggist, has been named chairman of the 1947 annual Red Cross fund drive in this chapter, it was announced this week. Asked to raise \$2,500 this year, the chapter officials will work with the chairman next week in formulating plans for the drive.

Big Farmers' Day Event Is Planned

Extensive plans are being made for the John Deere farmers' day program here on Friday afternoon of next week, it was announced today by a representative of the Lindsley Ice Company, the sponsoring organization.

"We are booking an unusually interesting show beginning that afternoon at 2:00 o'clock in the Williamston High School auditorium," the spokesman said. Following the show a goodly number of contests with valuable prizes will be held. A buffet supper, including sandwiches and hot coffee will be served in the gymnasium, it was announced.

The company has installed special heating equipment in the gym for the comfort of approximately 800 guests expected here for the big program. Present indications point to a big day here on the 14th for farmers in this entire section.

India Missionary To Speak Friday

Dr. George E. Miller of the United Christian Missionary Society and a missionary to India for thirty-nine years, will speak in the local Christian church on Friday evening of this week at 7:30 o'clock and again at the same hour on Friday of next week, it was announced by the chairman of the local Woman's Council.

Dr. Miller will center his address around India and its people. Miss Gladys Whitley, secretary of the Albemarle district, will speak to the C. F. and C. F. Juniors in the church Friday afternoon of this week at 3:30 o'clock. The two leaders, Mrs. H. D. Harrison and Mrs. Herbert T. Taylor, are anxious for a large attendance.

Other church groups and the general public are invited to hear Dr. Miller in both of his addresses.

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Charles Slade, charged with larceny, was adjudged not guilty. Jesse Whitley, colored, charged with non-support, was sentenced to the roads for six months, the court suspending the sentence upon the condition that the defendant pay the costs and \$20 a month for the support of his children.

Pleading not guilty of non-support, Harvey Bryant was adjudged guilty and was sentenced to the roads for nine months. The sentence was suspended upon the payment of the costs and \$10 a week for the support of his three children during the next eighteen months.

James David Lackey, pleading guilty of drunken driving, was fined \$50, taxed with the costs and had his driver's license revoked for one year.

James William Brown, publicly drunk, pleaded guilty and was fined \$20 and taxed with the costs.

Joseph Longdale pleaded guilty of being publicly drunk and was fined \$20 and required to pay the costs. A case of beer found in the possession of Longdale and his companion, James William Brown, was ordered confiscated and destroyed.

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FUND

Late contributions reported this week boosted the Infantile Paralysis Fund in this county to \$3,250.74. Chairman L. B. Wynne announced yesterday. Two schools, Parmele and Robersonville High, were yet to report at that time.

Williamston's colored school contributed \$96.75. Farm Life raised \$46.05, and the colored school at Jamesville contributed \$20.90.

The fund now stands at \$1,130.74 in excess of the original quota, and when the reports are complete possibly the excess will approximate \$1,200.

Baffling Case Faces County Authorities

The business of raising and spending public money requires much study and thought, but it offers no baffling problems similar to one encountered by the Martin County commissioners recently. A son-in-law went before the commissioners seeking permission to get his mother-in-law into the county home. That caused the authorities some concern because they do not believe in all the stories they have heard about mothers-in-law. But the son-in-law went on to explain that he simply wasn't able to provide for the old lady any more, that she had to be taken to the county home, and that he wanted to know something "right now."

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Draw Jurymen For County Superior Court Next Month

Change In Grand Jury Personnel Scheduled At That Time

Fifty Martin County citizens were drawn by the commissioners at their recent meeting for jury service, beginning the 17th of March. Nine of the group will be selected for service as grand jurors during the coming twelve months, succeeding Paul Harrington and eight regular members of the current jury.

Thirty-two of the fifty men drawn recently are to report for duty on March 17 when the court opens for a two-week term to hear criminal and civil cases.

Judge J. Paul Frizzelle of Snow Hill is tentatively scheduled to preside over the two-week term. It has been some time since Judge Frizzelle presided over a term of the superior court in this county.

Names of citizens recently drawn for jury service follow, by townships:

First Week: Jamesville: H. L. Ange, J. Carl Griffin, P. M. Ange and James H. Barber.

Griffins: Bill Gay, John E. Griffin, J. Davis Roberson and Mc. D. Hardison.

Bear Grass: Joseph S. Griffin, J. Collins Griffin and W. W. Whitehurst.

Williamston: Fernando Bowen, J. D. Harrison, C. S. Rawls, Ira Rogerson, J. C. Anderson, Mack M. Bowen, K. D. Worrell, Russell Biggs, G. P. Hughes and James E. Bullock.

Cross Roads: John R. Jones and S. T. Wynne.

Robersonville: Thurman Roberson and D. A. Brown.

Poplar Point: C. M. Edmondson.

Hamilton: C. S. Johnson, Robert L. Pierce, W. E. Everett and H. S. Johnson, Jr.

Goose Nest: Louis A. Thomas and R. N. Crisp.

Second Week: Jamesville: M. D. Tavis and J. Tilmon Coltrain.

Williams: Bennie M. Hardison, Griffins: Elbert Roberson, B. F. (Continued on page eight)

Succeeds Mitscher



Vice-Admiral William H. Blandy (above) will succeed the late Adm. Marc A. Mitscher as commander of the Atlantic Fleet. Blandy commanded the Joint Army-Navy Task Force which conducted the atomic bomb tests at Bikini atoll, U.S. Navy photo. (International)

To Observe Boy Scout Week Here

National Scout week, February 7-14, will be observed locally with the Scouts and Cubs displaying in local merchants' windows products of scouting activities. The windows are to be completed today. On Sunday morning there will be a special program at the Methodist church arranged by the National Scout Committee at which time Rev. Mr. B. T. Hurley will deliver an appropriate message. In connection with this service all Scouts and Cubs are asked to meet outside the church at 10:45 Sunday morning in order that the group may enter as a body. Den mothers and Scout Masters will attend with their respective troops. Troop 27 will decorate Woolard's Hardware window. Horace Ray is Scout Master of the troop. Belk-Tyler's window will be decorated by Carol Jones' Troop 29. (Continued on page six)

Oak City Bank Has Successful Opening

Deposits Amount To About Quarter Million Dollars

After being without direct banking facilities for a long number of years, Oak City was put back on the financial map last Wednesday morning when leading citizens there opened a bank in cooperation with the Edgecombe Bank and Trust Company of Tarboro. Supported by the entire community after a really cooperative fashion, the opening was very successful, several of the local committee members stating they were mightily and greatly encouraged.

The event, by coincidence, came right along with the coldest day of the season, but while nearly everything else was about frozen, assets literally poured in to the bank the first day. No official figures were immediately available, but deposits Wednesday approximated a quarter million dollars, Director Myrick of the home office stating that the deposits in Oak City were just about twice as great as those handled when the Edgecombe Bank and Trust Company opened in Tarboro five years and one month ago to the day.

Leaving their beds as early as 3:00 o'clock that morning, to prepare a delicious barbecue and Brunswick stew dinner, the people of Oak City and community proved that they were interested in having a bank in their town, and that it would receive a liberal and loyal support. Working in freezing weather, the citizens barbecued sixteen pigs donated by first one farmer and then another, cooked two large pots of just about the best Brunswick stew ever boiled in this county and had the meal ready for several hundred friends and visitors shortly after 1:00 o'clock. Mr. E. T. Smith was the main chef at the Brunswick stew pots, while the corn bread, slaw and barbecue proved there were also some other good cooks in that section of the county.

A half holiday was called in some quarters there, but the severe weather limited the size of the crowd and large quantities of food were left.

Extending a cordial welcome to all, Nat Johnson, Oak City's popular young mayor, stated that leaders there had tried for several years to get a bank for their community. "It was not until July of last year that we found and interested a bank in opening a branch," the mayor said. "Now, we have a bank, and in welcoming the bank I express the sentiments of this entire community and section," he added.

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Legislature Sets Traps For Labor In Proposed Laws

Nothing More Heard From Proposal Creating Town Primary

Turning to the agricultural areas, the labor haters in North Carolina this week recruited fronts to sponsor anti-labor laws in the State Legislature. At the same time a committee approved a bill creating a closed shop for funeral directors. Passage of the funeral licensing board bill would increase to twenty-two the number of examining boards in this state, meaning that one must pass certain requirements and possibly pay certain fees before he could follow his chosen profession.

Few details of the proposed bill are to be had here at the present time. The measure, introduced by Scott of Beaufort, C. B. Martin of this county and Hathaway of Gates, reads, "To protect right to work and to declare the public policy of the State with respect to membership or non-membership in labor organizations as affecting the right to work, and to make it unlawful and prohibit contracts or combinations which require membership in labor unions, etc., as a condition of employment." The proposal was referred to the committee on manufactures and labor.

The proposed bill was immediately recognized by impartial observers as "in reality an anti-labor bill and should be called by its right name," and added, "If any state in the Union should be content to let well enough alone in regard to its industrial relations that state should be North Carolina. . ."

LeRoy Scott's proposal to relax the laws against drunken driving in North Carolina was discarded in the House this week after a heated debate lasting for more than an hour.

The legislators are completing another week in Raleigh, a little in the way of tangible progress has been accomplished. The law makers are still holding hearings on teachers' pay and the four-year hospital phase of the Good Health Program.

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Man Wrecks Car Late Wednesday

Carroll Coltrain narrowly