

## Asking \$2,544 This Year For Red Cross

### Fix No Increase In Fund Despite Disaster Losses

#### Quotas Accepted By District Leaders In County Yesterday

Martin County people are being asked to contribute at least \$2,544 for carrying on Red Cross activities in the chapter and in the nation during 1948. Despite increased demands for Red Cross help in the chapter and vast expenditures for national disaster relief last year, no increase in the fund is being asked.

The drive this year in the chapter is being chairmaned by Claude Baxter Clark, Jr., with the help of Bill Spivey and James C. Manning. "There have been many calls for other worthy undertakings, but we can't afford to let up now because we never know when disaster will strike and the work or the organization must be carried on," Chairman Clark said yesterday in appealing to the people of the five townships comprising the chapter to support the drive. While the Red Cross work is not as much in the limelight now as it was during the war years, it is still going forward on a much larger scale than many have any idea it is.

In its program designed to aid the veteran and servicemen and their families, the organization right here, at home is handling quite a few cases. While its activities are necessarily limited to civilians, it has rendered much aid in the county to disaster victims, including those who lost their homes by fire.

Last year the Red Cross rendered aid to victims of 306 disasters in 46 states and Alaska, including 154 major fires, 51 floods, 23 tornadoes, 3 hurricanes, 42 other storms, 33 explosions and other less serious disasters. Over \$1,000 raised in this county last year was spent to relieve the suffering of victims of that disaster. Few organizations could have extended greater relief for so little than the Red Cross. So, again the appeal is being made for funds, and our people are urged to meet the challenge.

Last year the county raised over \$3,200 for the Red Cross. This year it is hoped that at least \$2,544 can be raised. Quotas as follows: by districts, as follows:

Jamesville, \$225; Williams, \$40; Bear Grass, \$225; Griffins, \$225; Williamston, \$1,379. The colored citizens of the chapter are being asked to raise \$450, as follows: Dardens, \$50; Jamesville, \$30; Williams, \$27.50; Coreys, \$12.50; Poplar Point, \$12.50; Bear Grass, \$12.50; Biggs, \$25; Rogers (Woolards), \$40; Burroughs, \$25; Smithwick's, \$15; and Williamston, \$200.

## Former Resident Dies In Norfolk

Mrs. Leona Warren Wynne, a former resident of Williamston, died yesterday morning in a Norfolk hospital.

The daughter of the late Stanley Warren and wife, Mrs. Wynne was born in Pitt County 62 years ago. She had made her home in this county a number of years and lived with Mr. and Mrs. Albert Perry here before moving to Norfolk some time ago. She was married to Alonzo L. Wynne.

Surviving are a son, James A. Wynne, a former resident of Williamston who is now in the Merchant Marine with headquarters in Norfolk; three brothers, J. Allen Warren of Williamston, J. F. Warren of Robersonville, and W. H. Warren of Kenly; and one sister, Mrs. W. I. Nelson of Stokes, and three stepchildren, Mrs. Hattie Bailey, Mrs. Lina Taylor, and Mack Wynne, all of Robersonville. Funeral services will be conducted Friday afternoon in the Robersonville Christian Church by Rev. J. M. Perry and interment will follow in the Robersonville cemetery.

### RECORD

Handling the task ordinarily over a period extending from late December to early March, Martin County farmers set something akin to a record when they sowed 90 percent of their tobacco plant beds in about three days last week.

A few, managing to sow the plant beds during the few days favorable weather in January, report their plants are coming up. But since that time no favorable weather prevailed until last week and the farmers took action in a big way.

## Frank Lee Savage Died In Hospital Wednesday Night

### Funeral Friday Afternoon At Spring Green For Well-Known Farmer

Frank Lee Savage, well-known farmer of this county until ill health forced his retirement twelve or fifteen years ago, died in the Creedmoor hospital Wednesday evening at 8:30 o'clock. He had received hospital treatment during the greater part of the past twelve years. His condition became critical yesterday, death following a few hours later.

The son of the late John Henry and Penina Savage, he was born near Speed in Edgecombe County 82 years ago on November 25, 1865, and spent his early life on the farm there. He was married sixty years ago to Miss Nanette Estelle Long of Edgecombe and the family moved to this county in 1916, locating in Gold Point and later moving to this community where he managed the Kelvin Grove farm a number of years for the late James G. Stator.

He had been a member of the Primitive Baptist Church for years, joining near Hobgood and later moving his membership to Spring Green where he was faithful in attendance upon its service and loyal in its support. An able farmer, Mr. Savage made many friends in his adopted community.

Surviving are his widow who is making her home in Rocky Mount; two daughters, Mrs. Jasper Everett of Gold Point and Mrs. R. W. Wheelless of Rocky Mount; five sons, John F., William Marshall and Francis LeRoy Savage, all of Williamston, Gaston L. Savage, Cross Roads, and Travis E. Savage, Rocky Mount; 4 sisters, Mrs. M. B. Pitt of Richmond, Mrs. Hattie James of Mt. Olive, Mrs. Dolly Andrews of Raleigh, and Mrs. Theresa Davenport of Speed; one brother, Job K. Savage of Speed, twenty-two grandchildren and eleven great-grandchildren.

Funeral service will be conducted Friday afternoon at 3:00 o'clock in the Spring Green Church and interment will be in the church cemetery there.

## Big Liquor Still Found In County

Raiding in Bear Grass Township, not far from Sweet Home Church, ABC Officer Joe H. Roebuck and Deputy Roy Peel found and captured a large liquor plant last Tuesday morning. The plant was equipped with a 100-gallon capacity copper kettle. The officers poured out 200 gallons of sugar beer.

Returning to the same section last afternoon, the officers found five gallons of raw liquor hidden in the woods, but they were unable to find the manufacturing plant. Idle during the recent bad weather, the ABC officers have been making up for lost time in their work during the past few days.

## Judge J. C. Smith Has Fifteen Cases In County's Court

### Fines Amount To \$265 At Regular Session Held Last Monday

After hearing only two cases in the Martin County Recorder's Court last week, Judge J. C. Smith and Solicitor Paul D. Roberson were greeted with a fifteen-case docket on Monday of this week. However, the business scheduled for the day was handled before the noon hour, but not until fines in the sum of \$265 had been imposed and several defendants had drawn time on the roads.

Continuing a firm policy against those fathers who, for one reason or another, desert their families, Judge Smith meted out road terms in several non-support cases.

L. D. Mizelle, pleading guilty of non-support, was sentenced to the roads for four months, or one month for every month he was behind in the \$15 monthly payments. He appealed and bond was required in the sum of \$150.

Pleading guilty of drunken driving, John Walton Comer was fined \$100 and taxed with the cost, the court recommending that his license to operate a motor vehicle be revoked for one year.

Pleading not guilty of an assault, Willie Moore was adjudged guilty of simple assault and was fined \$20 plus costs.

Charged with assaulting a female, Benjamin Wiggins was adjudged not guilty.

In the case charging LeRoy Ballard and Collin Green with an assault with a deadly weapon, Green pleaded guilty and was fined \$20 and taxed with the cost. Pleading not guilty, Ballard was found guilty and he was fined \$20 plus the trial costs.

Charged with operating a pool table without a license in his place of business between Hamilton and Oak City, S. P. Brown was sentenced to the roads for four months, the court suspending the road term upon the payment of a \$25 fine and the costs. The court also directed the defendant to operate no pool table or pool room for two years.

Pleading not guilty of non-support, Collin Green was adjudged guilty and he was sentenced to the roads for nine months. The road term was suspended on the condition that the defendant pay \$15 a month for two years for the support of his wife and child.

Pleading guilty of speeding, Richard Bonner Havens was fined \$25 and taxed with the costs.

Adjudged guilty of an assault with a deadly weapon over his own plea of innocence, Billie Gene Tetterton was fined \$20 and required to pay the costs. Operating a motor vehicle without a driver's license, Ralph Alexander Moore pleaded guilty and was fined \$25 plus costs.

Pleading guilty of operating a motor vehicle without a driver's license, Marian Smith Cherry was fined \$10 and taxed with the costs.

Pleading guilty of bastardy, Joe Brown was sentenced to the roads for six months, the court suspending the road term on condition that he pay \$12 a month to Annie Purvis for the support of the illegitimate child.

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## Wreck Victims Removed To New Jersey Hospital

Edgar Taylor and his 17-year-old son, Jules Taylor, were removed to Shore Memorial Hospital, Somers Point, New Jersey, this morning in a Biggs ambulance. Injured in an automobile accident in which Mrs. Edgar Taylor was fatally hurt on February 5, the father and son were treated in the hospital here until they could be moved.

The elder Taylor suffered a broken pelvis and the boy's leg was broken in two places. After five days requiring traction for some time before the limb could be placed in a cast. Billy Biggs, accompanied by Buck Barnhill, are making the trip. Three other young men riding with the Taylors were removed to a veterans' hospital in Fayetteville week before last.

## Johnson Supporters Organize In County

### James H. Gray Of Robersonville To Handle Campaign

A last call is being made to farmers, urging them to report their soil building practices handled in 1947 and enter applications for soil conservation payments. The reports must be in by Friday afternoon of this week not later than 5:00 o'clock if the farmer is to participate in the \$40,000 soil payments.

The Triple A office is not open on Saturdays and more and the applications must be in by Friday of this week.

## Edwin Slade Peel Died At Home In Bear Grass Today

### Funeral Saturday at 3:30 O'Clock At Macedonia; Burial Here

Edwin Slade Peel, well-known county citizen and prominent farmer of Bear Grass Township, died at his home near Corey's Cross Roads this morning at 10:40 o'clock. He had been in declining health for some time, and his condition had been serious for about three weeks, the end coming not unexpectedly.

The son of the late John Robert and Mary Jane Rogers Peel, he was born in Griffins Township 86 years ago on October 24, 1861. His father was killed in the Civil War in 1862. Experiencing the hardships and trials of the war and post-war periods, he learned the rudiments of hard work, honesty and uprighteousness, three traits that characterized his humble but noble walk through life until the end.

Mr. Peel joined the church at Macedonia nearly sixty years ago, and was one of its oldest members. He was faithful to his church, both in attendance and support. He lived at peace with his fellowman, and was a good neighbor and friend to all, and his goodness lives today in a large family of children. He was a devoted father and husband, selfishness finding no place in his way of life.

He was married to Susan Frances Coltrane on March 20, 1884, the event marking the beginning of a long and happy period of his life.

Surviving are his widow; five sons, Messrs. Henry, William Oscar, Heber, Lucian J. and George Peel; five daughters, Mrs. State Revels, Mrs. Ben F. Perry, Mrs. Robert Lee Perry, Mrs. Roy T. Griffin and Mrs. Elbert Manning, all of Williamston or near Williamston; one half-sister, Mrs. Mille Jane Bowen of near Williamston; twenty-seven grandchildren, and twenty-eight great-grandchildren.

Funeral services will be conducted in the Macedonia church at 3:30 Saturday afternoon by Rev. D. W. Davis, pastor, assisted by Revs. Jim Perry and John L. Goff. Burial will be in Woodlawn Cemetery here. Grandsons will serve as active pallbearers.

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## THE RECORD SPEAKS . . .

After getting off to a slow start, motorists this year are piling up a greater accident count on the highways and streets of this county than they did a year ago. However, they continue to maintain a greater respect for human limb and life than they did the early part of 1947.

Comparisons To Date				
1948	26	10	1	\$ 4,300
1947	24	18	3	\$ 5,050

## Ambrose Building Fund Little Over \$50 Short Of Goal

### Total of \$344.93 Donated To Date To Get Family Of Nine Indoors

A movement started last week to raise \$400 in cash to get Ammie Ambrose, aged grandmother, and her brood of little ones in doors is nearing its goal today, and action has already been taken by Sheriff C. B. Roebuck to get the building program under way at once.

Standing at about \$200 day before yesterday, the cash fund started climbing rapidly following a second appeal earlier in the week. Up until late yesterday, a total of \$344.93 in cash had been contributed, leaving the fund just about \$50 short of its goal.

So urgent is the need for something to be done that Sheriff Roebuck gave the signal to go ahead and James Stevenson, colored builder who volunteered his aid and the services of six or seven other men free, are getting the material together for a 14 by 24-foot structure. The building will be small, but the material, offered at bare cost figures, will cost right at \$400, leaving nothing to replace furniture, clothing and bedding damaged by rain and snow. The sheriff is confident that the fund will reach and exceed the goal. The plans were so prepared that the family can add to the house later, "but the urgent task now is to get the aged woman and the other eight members of the family out of the weather," the sheriff said.

In addition to the cash contributions received so far by the sheriff and The Enterprise, custodians of the fund, quite a few other items, including food and clothing, have been offered. Contributions in any form are needed and will be appreciated, but it is useless to deliver them to the family until a shelter that won't leak is provided. Any one wishing to give food or clothing or furniture are asked to wait until the family is in the new quarters, and even then there will not be much room for extras.

Cash contributions received for the Ambrose fund by the sheriff and The Enterprise since the last gifts were acknowledged, include the following: Mrs. A. R. Dunning, \$5; P. O. Holloman, \$2; J. A. Mendenhall, 25 cents; Lawrence Lilley, 25 cents; Roger Gardner, 50 cents; W. C. Gardner, 50 cents; Rowena Riddick, \$2.50; Geo. W. Joyner, 50 cents; Thomas Moore, 25 cents; Andrew McIntyre, 25 cents; Andrew Brown, 25 cents; Melvin Moran, 10 cents; William Henry Brown, 8 cents; Robert Andrews, 50 cents; Leon Jones, 25 cents; Guilford Brown, 50 cents; Lovo Roberts, 50 cents; Roberson's Chapel Church of Robersonville, Baptist, \$14; Jos. W. Bailey, \$5; Mr. and Mrs. D. R. Davis, \$5; Mrs. R. J. Langley, \$1; Mary Jane Bryant, \$2; Queen Easter 2, Joe Spruill, president and Sara Bell, secretary, \$10; Mr. and Mrs. Myer N. Compton, \$10; Lucinda Lynch, \$1; Dr. John Williams, \$1; W. B. Gaylord, \$1; Solomon Riddick Lodge, No. 708, Robersonville, submitted by Dink Knight, \$20; Hattie B. Williams, \$1; Chas. H. Godwin, Sr., \$5; Veterans Training School, Parmele, \$7; Colored School of Parmele, \$8.75; Jim Gray, \$5.

W. B. Harrington, Baptist minister, pledged his support to the man's candidacy. Clarence Griffin, making a few remarks, recalled that it was pointed out at the Jackson Day dinner a year ago that Johnson would be the next governor. J. A. Everett stated he was supporting Johnson. Jim Gray, pointing out that the county had not voted for a winner in a long time, declared that this is the time for the county to get right.

It was a regular field day for the big county politicians, and if there was any opposition in or near the meeting, it crumbled before the freely released power there. L. B. Wynne was nominated county manager, but he asked that his name be withdrawn, the task going to Jim Gray of Robersonville who is to be assisted by J. Paul Simpson. V. G. Taylor was named finance chairman and he immediately matched a \$100 contribution advanced by the county manager. C. B. Martin was named.

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## Child Runs Into Scalding Water

Wade Griffin, two-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Lester Griffin, was painfully burned when he ran into a kettle of scalding water at his home in Griffins Township last Monday. The little fellow's face and chest were scalded and while the skin peeled away, the burns were not very deep.

The child was playing in the kitchen and accidentally ran against his nine-year-old sister, Sylvia, who was carrying a kettle of boiling water. He was treated in the hospital here.

## County Board Education Meeting Next Monday

Holding their first meeting of the new year next Monday, members of the Martin County Board of Education, among other things, are expected to discuss a Saturday teaching schedule to make up for some if not all of the two weeks lost by the schools during the bad weather.

## Eleven New Cases Of TB Found In County

### Others Referred To Doctors For Heart Ailment

Martin County's commissioners have very little new business on their calendar for consideration at their regular monthly meeting here next Monday, Clerk to the Board J. Sam Getsinger said yesterday. "A jury is to be drawn for the April term of the Superior court and it is likely that delegations interested in roads, will appear before the board," the clerk said.

Announcing this week the findings of the mass TB survey conducted in this county during the past four weeks, State and County Health Department officials stated that eleven new cases of tuberculosis were uncovered, that ten other cases are being kept under observation.

X-raying 12,609 persons during the survey, the health authorities explained that 123 suspicious cases were found, that further examination revealed no evidence of tuberculosis in seventy-five of those cases. It was pointed out that 114 of the 123 suspicious cases reported to the special clinics, leaving the status of thirteen undetermined. The thirteen are asked to report to the county health department offices in Williamston where additional X-rays will be made free and submitted to specialists at the State Sanatorium for inspection.

The authorities advised that all of the eleven new cases found during the survey enter a sanatorium as soon as possible. The health office said this week that three of the eleven cases had already entered the Martin County sanatorium. It is quite likely that the remaining eight will experience difficulty in gaining admittance to either the county sanatorium or an institution maintained by the State. Every effort will be made to isolate the active cases. It is understood that most of the cases were found among the colored population.

The ten borderline cases, it is fairly certain, can remedy their own conditions by exercising proper care. Fourteen old or inactive cases were found, and Dr. R. F. Bell, heading the survey, advised re-examinations at regular periods.

In addition to the TB findings, the survey uncovered other ailments with its X-rays. The health officials recommended that twenty persons report to their doctors for examination and treatment of high blood pressure and cardiac or heart conditions. The mass survey has been completed as far as the use of mobile X-ray units is concerned, but any person who could not have his chest X-rayed during the past four weeks, may report to the county health department offices in Williamston's town hall and have it done. Approximately 80 percent of the white and colored population fifteen years old or older was X-rayed, meaning that

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## Limiting Loads On County Highways

At the request of the State Highway Commission, District Superintendent David Keel, announced yesterday that the employees of the commission were posting 6 ton gross signs on the following roads: Highway 171 leading from Jamesville to Brown's Cross Roads, Holly Spring road which runs from Highway No. 64 to Dawson Lilly's Cross Roads, Highway No. 903 leading to Sam Everett's Creek, Highway running from Robersonville to Flat Swamp Church, Highway No. 11 at the Colored High School which runs to Highway No. 44.

Mr. Keel pointed out that this was only a temporary measure but that it would be enforced until the Highway Commission considered it safe to remove the signs. "Owing to the terrible weather that has prevailed in this section for several weeks the roads are in as full condition and we realize the necessity of keeping all heavy trucks off these roads," Mr. Keel said.

## Drunk Fires On Officer Rawls

Using a repeater rifle, George Owens, colored, fired on Officer Raymond Rawls just off Pearl Street at 1:00 o'clock yesterday morning, but none of the bullets hit its mark. Called to investigate a disturbance in the Sim Smith home, the officer gave chase when Owens started to run. Two or three shots were fired at the officer but he kept chasing Owens who escaped in the dark. Said to have been under the influence of liquor, Owens was arrested a short time later and is being given a hearing this evening.

## Justice Hassell Hears Two Cases

Justice John L. Hassell handled two cases in his court this week, sending several others to the county court for trial. George Bonds, publicly drunk, was fined \$5 and taxed with \$8.50 costs. Drunk and disorderly, James Thomas was fined \$5 and required to pay \$9.50 costs. The justice will hear an assault charge tonight.