

Poor Response To Pleas Of Hungry Little Children

Hardly \$200 of \$2,500 Asked For Been Raised In County To Date

Asked to join the peoples of fifty-four other nations in raising funds for the nearly 460 million innocent children who are starving in the world today, the people of Martin County have not heeded the pleas of the hungry little folks, a report from the chairman yesterday stating that hardly \$200 of the county's \$2,500 quota, had been contributed. Most of the amount was raised in a preliminary canvass conducted in Williamston this week, a goodly portion coming from the Pentecostal Holiness Church.

Other counties in this State, other states and other nations, recognizing the tremendous need, have exceeded their quotas, many of them doubling the amount asked.

The American Overseas Aid—United Nations Appeal for Children, popularly designated the "Children's Crusade" is now in progress in Martin County, sponsored by the Williamston Woman's Club, with Mayor Robert H. Cowen serving as Chairman. This appeal was organized at the suggestion of President Truman and in answer to demands for unification of peace-time appeals for aid to war-time victims. AOA-UNAC is a federation of twenty-six long established private American agencies for foreign relief and services, together with the United States share of \$60,000,000 in the global effort to obtain voluntary contributions for the United Nations Appeal for Children.

AOA-UNAC was established because one half of the world's entire population are actually existing close to the line of starvation. Forty percent of these people, or 462,000,000 are children under 15 years of age. This unified appeal is made on behalf of a number of organizations engaged in the same general activities and provides a more practical, economical and effective method of fund raising, besides serving as a clearing-house to avoid over-lapping, duplication or waste of man-power and services. Every American will have an opportunity to share in a world wide act of simple humanity that will help to ease the suffering of millions—especially children—and will hasten their rehabilitation and help insure world peace. Their effort will demonstrate to the rest of the world that Americans live and practice a democratic and humanitarian way of life. The members of the Williamston Woman's Club will operate a small booth in the warehouse section of Williamston.

Robbers Active In This Section

Idle for the most part during recent years, robbers returned to this section of the State in a big way this week when they robbed the East Carolina Bank in Columbia of \$68,000. Striking at 11:00 o'clock Tuesday morning, the robbers, led by Harry Morrison of Norfolk, were virtually trapped near Creswell when their 1949 Hudson broke down and the seven men were forced to a small woods. Two of the men, Morrison and Aubrey W. Tarkenton, were taken that evening with the aid of blood hounds from the Martin County prison camp. All of the others, except one, have been apprehended, one of them after he was shot and critically wounded.

All but \$5,000 of the money has been recovered, officers stating that they are not certain if the man still at large has the money or if it was lost in the woods. Much of the money was picked up by searchers.

Sometime during last night robbers broke into a place of business in Winfall, cracked a safe and carried away several thousand dollars. Blood hounds were sent there from the local prison camp and the robbers were trailed to a point where they boarded a vehicle.

CITIZENS OF TOMORROW



The Enterprise takes much pleasure in presenting another in a picture series of this section's "citizens of tomorrow". So far none has figured prominently in public affairs, but as future citizens they have a tremendous assignment to handle in a muddled world. Certain they'll do a better job than has been done or is being done. The Enterprise presents the youngsters as the one great hope for the future.

Top row, left to right, Joyce, nine, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. M. Baker, Williamston; Wade, eleven, son of Mr. and Mrs. V. N. Bunting, Williamston; Meredith, twelve, June, three, son and daughter of Mr. and Mrs. P. S. Cherry, Williamston; Bottom row, Betsy Riddick, nine, daughter of Mrs. Charles Edwards, Williamston; Van Taylor, six, son of Dr. and Mrs. C. I. Harris, Williamston; and Mary Elizabeth, eleven, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. T. M. Britton, Williamston.

LAST CALL

A last call is being issued to those Martin County farmers who wish to build up their soils. Those planters who would sow winter legumes, including vetch, winter peas, rye grass and other soil-building crops, are urged to contact the office of the farm agent at once. Several thousand dollars are available to those farmers who would build up their soils, but all projects must be approved, it was explained.

Sgt. Leamon Shaw Rites To Be Held In County Sunday

Bear Grass Young Man Died In Italy After Three Years Of Service

Funeral services for Sgt. Leamon Edward Shaw who died overseas, will be held at the Rehoboth Church near Bear Grass Sunday afternoon, September 26, at 2:00 o'clock. Rev. George Casper, pastor of the church, will officiate and burial will follow in the Rehoboth Church Cemetery.

Sgt. Shaw entered the army in 1939 and received his training at Fort Bragg, North Carolina. He was transferred to overseas duty in July 1942 and arrived in England August 2. After a stay of several months there he went to Africa and following that campaign he went on to Italy where he died on April 5, 1944, of jaundice after an illness of only a few days.

Surviving are his parents, Mr. and Mrs. L. E. Shaw, of near Bear Grass, three brothers, Bernice of Norfolk, Virginia, L. A. of Williamston and Kenneth of the home, ten sisters, Mrs. L. M. Bullock and Mrs. J. B. Gurkin of Greenville, Mrs. R. L. Terry, Mrs. F. J. Darcy and Mrs. Lester Bland of Norfolk, Mrs. Clarence Manning and Mrs. Georgia Bullock of Robersonville, Mrs. Otis Coltrain of Williamston and Daisy and Florence Shaw of the home.

Sgt. Shaw is remembered here as a friendly and promising young man, and one possessed of a pleasing personality. He attended the Bear Grass school and farmed until he volunteered for service in the army a year or more ahead of the draft. He was the first Martin County man reported to have died while in service during World War II of natural causes.

WORN TO A FRAZZLE

Spending more than twenty-four hours in woods and fields, highway patrolmen were worn to a "bigger" frazzle when they returned to their station here following the manhunt in lower Washington County this week. Patrolman J. T. Rowe retired at noon yesterday and did not stir until this morning. Captain John Delbridge who took one of the bank robbers got around to pulling off his clothes for a rest today after 48 hours on the job.

Many Obstacles Confront County Peanut Growers

Root Rot, Worms, Termites And Weather Curtail Production

Their crops damaged by adverse weather conditions during the growing season, Martin County farmers are now confronted with other obstacles which have prevented themselves to further curtail production, according to reports coming from farmers and the farm agent.

In some areas, especially where the soil is heavy, production was materially decreased by weather conditions. Any number of farmers are of the opinion they will not harvest more than two or three bags per acre in those areas. On the lighter, sandy soils the weather did not exact such a heavy toll, but even there the farmers say they are confronted with other obstacles.

Farmer Willie Lassiter said that southern root rot, a disease possibly akin to blackshank in tobacco, had struck his peanuts, explaining that he was forced to dig his crop before the goobers had fully matured. The disease, according to the farmer, caused the vines to turn yellow and rot and the nuts to fall off and rot. Southern root rot has been noticed in the crop before this year, but it is much worse than in any previous period.

A small worm has damaged the crop, Farm Agent Brandon stating that a quarter-inch long worm with white body and black head and tail was being found in some crops. The worm, boring and entering a hole hardly as large as a pin head, ruins the meat. The agent said that the worm bored through the shell when it was tender.

Another pest is the termite, the agent stating that the termite would cut the tap root, work its way on up and attack the nuts.

All told, the pests are expected to lower production by about ten percent in the county this year. Since the crop is spotted, it is difficult to estimate the current production, but some observers advance the opinion that it will run well under a quarter million bags this year.

Digging operations are well advanced in the county at this time, but reports state that many crops have been dug too early.

The government support price has been increased one-half cent.

Library Group In Regular Meeting

The B H M Regional Library Association held its regular monthly meeting in the Brown Memorial Library in Washington with Rev. John L. Goff, chairman, presiding. The report of the librarian, Miss Virginia McDonald, revealed that during the month of August there were 8,027 books circulated. This showed an improved circulation over the same month of last year. The circulation is much larger during the school term.

Under the new registration, which is required by the North Carolina Library Commission every three years, shows that there are 3,482 registered borrowers as of August 1st. That the book collection has now grown to 15, 691. Of this number Martin County has 6,918 volumes. There has been a total of 1,623 volumes discarded through usage.

There has been a growing need in this county for sometime for expanded bookmobile stops. In order to meet this demand, the entire schedule of the region was revised and one day has been added to Martin County. It is hoped that this will temporarily meet the needs. With continued increases in financial support from both the county and the state, the time is not too far distant when bookmobile service will be on a county basis rather than an area or region. It is hoped that all persons interested in increasing bookmobile service in the state and county will contact the legislators and ask for increases for library services.

Mr. Allen was graduated from Wake Forest in 1887 and taught school that fall in Jamesville, receiving thirty-six silver dollars per month for his work.

Justices Of Peace Hear Eleven Cases In Court Recently

Another Driver In Court For Not Having Vehicle Inspected

Justices of Peace John L. Hessel and R. T. Johnson heard eleven cases in their courts here this week, both dockets including about the same type of cases scheduled for trial over and over again. There was one exception, and the defendant in that case is in the court for allegedly operating a motor vehicle without having had it inspected.

Cases handled by Justice Hessel include the following:

Frank Simmons, drunk and disorderly, was fined \$5 and taxed with the costs. In the case charging Roosevelt Bond with trespass and simple assault, the defendant was sentenced to jail for thirty day on each count. The road term in the first instance was suspended upon condition that the defendant remain off the school grounds, and in the second the jail term was lifted on condition that the defendant pay the cost of \$7.60 and \$14.75 to DeSoto Jones, prosecuting witness.

Paul Frank was fined \$5 and required to pay the costs for being drunk and disorderly.

Charged with disorderly conduct, Ernestine Knight was required to pay \$9.50 costs.

Tank Bennett was taxed with \$7.50 costs when he appeared in court on a disorderly conduct charge.

Justice Johnson handled the following cases:

Charged with hunting out of season, J. L. Johnson was fined \$20 and taxed with \$5.85 costs.

The case charging Joe Henry Taylor, Newport News man, with failing to stop at a road intersection and speeding, was sent to the county court for trial.

Charged with operating a motor vehicle without having it inspected, LeRoy Rodgers was bound over to the recorder's court for trial.

Walter Biggs and Oliver Peel, charged with failing to stop at a road intersection, were each fined \$10 and taxed with \$5.85 costs.

Slade P. Revels, facing a similar charge, was not fined but was required to pay \$5.85 costs.

Jaycees Complete Bleacher Stands

The movable bleacher seats which the more interested members of the local Junior Chamber of Commerce have been erecting are virtually completed, according to an announcement from Chairman Bernard T. Harrison.

The last seats were nailed on yesterday, completing the seventh section. Each section will seat 70 persons, 10 to a seat, thereby providing seating accommodations for 490 persons. One section will be used exclusively by the high school band on the occasions when this group is present.

Through the cooperation of the lumber mill owners and proprietors of building supply houses here, the Jaycees have been able to practically complete this project at a cost of approximately \$175.00 to the civic group. As soon as the material used in the construction of the bleachers has had sufficient time to dry, the Jaycees plan to apply some kind of wood preservative and possibly paint the tops of the seats.

Pending the ending of the baseball season, all seven sections will be used on one side of the football field, but will be spaced on both sides later. The Jaycees plan to present the new bleachers to the W. H. S. Athletic Association at half-time Friday night.

A majority of the Jaycees participated in this project, aided at times by a few volunteers, especially Tom Brandon, Sr., and Wilton Knox.

FEW SPECTATORS

Busy with their peanut harvest and tobacco marketing, comparatively few farmers are attending the daily sessions of the superior court here this week. Those who are in attendance upon the sessions are there under subpoena.

Conspiracy Case In The Superior Court

Several Criminal Cases Remain On Docket For Trial

Long, Drawn-out Conspiracy-Arson Cases Delay Recess of Court

Tentatively scheduled to complete the trial of the criminal cases late Tuesday, the Superior Court now in the first week of a two-week term, encountered many obstacles and early today there was some doubt expressed if the criminal docket could be cleared before sometime tomorrow. The extreme heat Tuesday called for an early recess that afternoon, but when the court reconvened Wednesday morning it ran into a baffling conspiracy-arson case. Most of the day was spent by the State in presenting its case and at recess time yesterday afternoon the defense had not offered all the evidence of its main witness.

A report from the courthouse today indicated that the civil cases scheduled for Wednesday and today had been carried over for trial next week.

The court literally has dragged for many witnesses and others who have appeared in the courtroom each day since Monday, waiting to be called.

Clarence Taper, Jamesville Township colored man, is charged with having conspired with Edward Lee Lacy to have a tenant house on the Taper farm burned. Lacy claims Taper offered him \$100 to do the job, but denied that he entered the conspiracy. The defense, while not denying Taper's alleged contact with Lacy, maintained that there was no conspiracy since Lacy did not enter into it.

The State maintains that Lacy did enter into the conspiracy and offered evidence in an effort to support its testimony. It seems that Taper offered Lacy \$100 to do the job, that he contacted Henderson Moore and attempted to subcontract the deal, offering Moore \$50 to fire the house, variously valued at between \$1,250 and \$4,000, while Taper was on the market and he (Lacy) was in Plymouth. It was brought out that Lacy showed a quart of gasoline that had been made ready for the job.

Moore is claimed to have refused any part in the crime, stating that Joe Clark, a tenant, was a relative of his. The case was reported to the sheriff week before last and arrests followed last week.

It is claimed that the house was damaged by fire on Sunday, September 5, that Taper allegedly contacted Lacy, made the proposition, explaining that he had employed another man to handle the job and that he (the other man) had made a mess of it. Taper is alleged to have increased the insurance on the house soon after the September 5 fire from \$1,000 to \$2,500.

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Damages Car Late Monday Evening

Losing control in a deep sand bed in the Bear Grass-Everetts Road last Monday evening at 10:30 o'clock, James Clifton Manning ran his 1940 model Oldsmobile into a tree and damaged his machine considerably, Patrolman J. T. Rowe, investigating the accident, estimating the damage at \$300.

Ralph Ross Bullock, riding with Manning, was thrown into the windshield, and although he shattered the glass with his head, he was said not to have been hurt.

TOBACCO SALES

While slipping a bit from the \$51.59 figure reported last Monday, tobacco prices continued to hold fairly firm Tuesday and yesterday with no marked change noted today on the local market. Average prices held to a figure just short of \$50 yesterday, the 133,310 pounds selling for \$65,786.25, an average of \$49.35. At the close of sales yesterday, the market here had sold 6,271,920 pounds for an average of \$46.13.

Alston Gurganus Rites Sunday At Jamesville Home

Youth, Killed In Action In Italy, Will Be Buried In Cemetery Here

Funeral services for Pfc. Alston Wesley Gurganus, Martin County young man who lost his life in Italy during the last war, will be held at the home of his brother, Royal E. Gurganus, in Jamesville Sunday afternoon at 3:30 o'clock. Rev. J. M. Perry, Robersonville minister, will conduct the service, and interment will follow in Williamston's Woodlawn Cemetery where a detail from the John Walton Hassell Post of the American Legion will have charge of the rites.

The body is being moved out of the distribution center in Philadelphia at 1:00 o'clock tomorrow morning and is due to reach the Biggs Funeral Home here tomorrow afternoon about 5:00 o'clock. After lying in state here, it will be removed to the brother's home in Jamesville Saturday afternoon for the service the following day.

The young man, the first drafted from this county to lose his life in the war, was born in the Pungo section of Beaufort County in 1929 and spent most of his life there, moving to this county with his mother and brothers in 1939. He was a son of Mrs. Vera Gurganus, now of Portsmouth, and the late Seth Gurganus of Beaufort County. After working with Gaines and Kirkman in Jamesville for three years he entered the service in 1942, receiving his basic training at Fort Bragg. Less than a year later he was transferred to the European theater and was killed in action on November 14, 1943, in Italy a few miles north of Naples during the Naples-Foggia campaign.

Surviving besides his mother are four brothers, Royal E. and Wilbur Gurganus, both of Jamesville, and Albert and Wade Gurganus, both of Portsmouth. His body is the twelfth of a Martin County war hero to be returned for burial in native soil.

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Indian Minister Will Speak Here

Rev. Stanley Smith, full-blooded Indian and a prominent figure in Baptist missionary work, will speak in the Baptist church here Friday evening of this week at 8:00 o'clock, marking the close of a week of missions in the Roanoke Baptist Association.

The minister who has handled a remarkable work among the Seminoles of Florida, will discuss his work among the Indians. A cordial invitation is extended the public to hear the minister.

The special services this week have been very successful, the pastor, Rev. Stewart B. Simms said this morning.

County Boy Officer In The Wesley Foundation

A. E. Manning, young county man, was recently elected vice president of the Wesley Foundation organization of Methodist students at East Carolina College, Greenville, where he is continuing his studies this year.

Grand Jury Stops School Bus Until Repairs are Made

Supplementary Report Says Number of Buses Are Not Well Kept

While most of the report, filed by the Martin County Grand Jury over the signature of I. Jessup Harrison, foreman, this week dealt with routine findings, there was an order to stop the operation of one school bus until repairs to the machine could be made. The order was supported by Judge W. H. S. Burgwyn, later reports stating that the mechanical requirements had been met and that the bus is continuing its runs.

The grand jury based its report on findings established by the highway patrol following a minute inspection of every school bus in the county. Several minor defects were pointed out in the report, and it was also declared that quite a few of the buses were filthy dirty and not very well kept. The detailed report as submitted in open court following the completion of its assigned work by the grand jury, follows:

"We passed on all bills of indictment presented to us.

"We visited the office of the Clerk of the Superior Court and found it to be in excellent condition, with all guardian accounts filed.

"The Sheriff's Office and Tax Collector's Office were visited and found to be in good condition with all records up to date.

"We found the Register of Deeds Office in excellent condition.

"We visited the office of the Superintendent of Schools and found it in excellent condition.

"We checked all Justice of the Peace reports and found them all filed with the Clerk of the Court and fines submitted.

"We visited the County Jail and found it to be clean and well kept. There were 4 white males, 12 colored males, 1 colored female inmates.

"We found upon our visit to the Prison Camp everything in clean and excellent condition.

"We visited the County Home and found everything in very good condition. We also found that the recommendation made concerning the raise in salary for the Superintendent Mr. Bland had been taken care of by the County Commissioners.

"We visited the county schools, both white and colored, and found as a whole all of them were in good condition except for a few minor repairs that are needed, and Superintendent Manning assures us that he is doing all within his power to have these repairs made as soon as possible.

"The State Highway Patrol gave us a report of all the school buses and informed us that all repairs needed are now being made and we are filing the detail report as presented to us by Corporal Fearing with this report and making it a part of our said report."

Kelly Wilkins Has Close Call

His head glazed by a bullet, Kelly Wilkins, local colored man, isn't certain if Simp Jenkins is a poor shot or a good shot. However, Wilkins is convinced that Jenkins is a dangerous man to be around.

Wilkins and his wife separated about two weeks ago and she took an apartment adjoining Jenkins near Robersonville. Wilkins went to the old park between Robersonville and Parmele last Sunday, purportedly to buy liquor, not knowing at the time that his estranged wife was around. The two met and a quarrel resulted. Jenkins is alleged to have advised them that he would settle the argument without delay. Brandishing a pistol, Jenkins fired at Wilkins, the latter declaring the bullet fanned the front of his shirt.

The second bullet, according to one report, glazed Wilkins' head. A warrant, charging Jenkins with an assault with a deadly weapon, was procured by Wilkins yesterday and a hearing is being scheduled before Justice R. T. Johnson here.