

## Raise One-Fifth Of Quota Locally For Hungry Tots

### Crusade for Children About \$2,000 Short of Goal In This County

The drive sponsored by the United Nations in behalf of millions of children facing starvation in war-torn countries is about one-fifth complete in Martin County, Mrs. N. C. Green, treasurer, announced last week-end. Up until that time, \$452.76 had been raised and reported locally, leaving the drive just about \$2,000 short of its goal.

Most of the town has been solicited, but it was pointed out that the solicitors were unable to see a goodly number of potential supporters and a special appeal is being advanced, urging all those who have not been solicited to direct their contributions to the treasurer at their very earliest convenience.

Millions of dollars are being raised in this and about 40 other countries for the starving children who number well up in the tens of millions. Most of the counties in this state and many of the countries participating in the humane movement have raised their quotas. Martin County was late starting its drive, but it is not too late for our people to make contributions and help save a few little children from starving.

The drive was planned by the United Nations and every penny raised is going to the places where aid is needed most. Few contributions have been received from outside Williamston so far, but it is hoped that thoughtful people from all over the county will support the Crusade for Children by forwarding contributions to Mrs. Green, the treasurer.

Contributions not previously acknowledged, include the following:

Mr. and Mrs. W. K. Parker, \$5; J. C. Manning, \$2; Miss Mary Carstarphen, 25c; Miss Bettie Rogers, 15c; Miss Sarah Wobblenton, 30c; T. B. Slade, \$1; G. P. Hall, \$1; Miss Lissie Pearce, \$1; Mrs. J. S. Getzinger, \$1; Mrs. J. S. Getzinger, \$1; Mrs. Roy A. Peele, \$1; Mr. and Mrs. Bill Thrower, \$1; J. H. Roebuck, \$1; Miss Dorothy Manning, \$1; E. R. Fronberger, \$1; Mr. and Mrs. Milton James, \$5; Mrs. C. A. James, \$3; Miss Lorene Rogerson, 50c; Mrs. J. R. Peele, 50c; Mrs. John A. Manning, \$1; York Florist, \$2; Mrs. J. C. Manning, \$1; Mrs. H. D. Harrison, \$1; Mrs. Guy Thomas, \$1; Mrs. Maurice Moore, \$1; Mrs. Bill Peele, \$1; Mrs. Ernest Etheridge, \$1; Mrs. Leman Barnhill, \$1; V. J. Spivey, \$2; Mrs. J. A. Wynne, \$3; Mrs. C. I. Harris, \$1; Mrs. N. N. Ripley, \$1;

J. Paul Simpson, \$5; Dr. J. A. Edens, \$5; Mrs. W. I. Skinner, \$1; McClees, \$1; Dr. and Mrs. J. D. Biggs, \$5; Mr. and Mrs. Reg Simpson, \$1; Mr. and Mrs. John A. Hardison, 50c; Mrs. Carroll Jones, \$1; Mrs. Jim Lowry, \$1; Mrs. Hattie Edmondson, \$1; Mrs. Chas. Godwin, Jr., 50c; Ella M. Gaylord, 50c; Mrs. R. L. Coburn, \$1; Randy Harris, 50c; Mrs. J. L. Harris, 50c; Mrs. Louise C. Taylor, \$1; Mrs. Julian Anderson, \$1; Mrs. Pattie Spruill, 10c; Mrs. Roy Hudson, 40c; Mrs. W. E. Dunn, 50c; Mrs. Jack Riley, \$1; Mrs. R. P. Monteith, 50c; Mrs. Evelyn Manning, 25c; Mrs. G. P. Hughes, \$1; Mrs. Irving Margolis, \$1; Mrs. W. O. White, \$1; Mrs. H. H. Cowan, \$1; Mrs. C. B. Clark, \$1; and Mrs. Moses Wheeler, \$1.

## Minor Wreck On Prison Camp Road

Damage estimated at \$82 resulted when a car, driven by J. D. Ward of Bear Grass Township, and a truck driven by Chas. W. Lotta, 1000 Burch Avenue, Durham, sideswiped each other on the old Greenville or Prison Camp Road, several miles from Williamston, about 10:00 o'clock yesterday morning.

The vehicles were rounding a curve and were holding well to the middle of the narrow road. No one was hurt, Patrolman B. W. Parker and M. F. Powers, making the investigation, said. Damage to Ward's 1940 Buick was estimated at \$50 and that to Lotta's Chevrolet truck at \$32.

## 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.

Reading from left to right are Junior, ten; Mable, twelve; and Shirley, eight, son and daughters of Mr. and Mrs. G. A. Casper of Williamston; Patricia Ann, eleven; Nona, ten; and Ernestine, seven, daughters of Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Smithwick, Williamston, and Betty, eleven; Joe, nine; Marvin, six; Jasper, four and John, nineteen months, daughter and sons of Mr. and Mrs. V. M. Jones of Route 1, Williamston.

## FIRE PREVENTION

This week is being observed as Fire Prevention Week throughout the nation. While no special program has been planned here, Fire Chief G. P. Hall and other firemen and officials plan to visit the schools.

Cooler weather yesterday called for about the first fires of the season and officials are urging all people to check their heaters and flues and eliminate every possible fire hazard.

## More Entrants For Baby Parade

Thirty-nine new contestants are being entered in the baby parade which will be a feature of Williamston's annual peanut festival on October 14, 15 and 16, it was announced yesterday by Mrs. H. O. Peel and Mrs. James Bullock, members of the committee handling the parade entrants.

The new contestants are Brenda K. Roberson, 4; Linda Gurkin, 1 1/2; Margaret Fay and Alton Ray Harris, 8 months; Alease Bazemore, 16 months; Joe Peele, 18 months; Dianna Cowan, 18 months; Judy Riley, 4; Lynda Faye Dawson, 2; Judy Rawls, 5; Wayne Coburn, 2; Joan Grey Copeland, 4; Edwina Peele, 2 1/2; Helen Ann Harris, 3; Beverly Godwin, 2 1/2; Paula Simpson, 2; Jeffrey Simpson, 5; Jimmie Rhodes, 5; Johnnie Rogers, 5; Martie Griffin, 5; Douglas Stalls, 5; Alice Stalls, 3; Catherine Clark, 4; Craig Ripley, 2; Jackie Manning, 1; Anna Manning, 3; Margaret Handy, 5; George Mahler, Jr., 10 months; Judy Gurganus, 2; Ben Courtney, Jr., 3; Betsy Baker, 1 1/2; Judy Anne Moore, 4; Jimmie Everett, 1; Patsy Holman, 5; Hoke Roberson, Jr., 4; David Whitley, 3; Ann Oakley, 5, and Robert Eugene and Frances Arlene Lilley, 8 months.

To date fifty six contestants are listed with the chairman. Those wishing to enter their children, girl or boy, are asked to call Mrs. H. O. Peel or Mrs. James Bullock.

## Reviews Work Of Enforcement Unit

Reviewing the work of his department for the month of September, ABC Officer J. H. Roebuck stated in his report to the board that he and his assistants were quite busy during the period.

Two persons were arrested but could not be scheduled for trial immediately. Four gallons of illicit liquor were seized. The officers poured out 2,500 gallons of beer, much of which was contaminated and down-right filthy. Thirteen liquor plants were wrecked, the officers stating that half of the stills taken were made of copper.

The officer traveled 1,282 miles making investigations and carrying on the enforcement work.

## Local Man Greatly Improved In Hospital

Quite ill for a week, Mr. G. H. Harrison, local business man, is continuing to improve rapidly in a Rocky Mount hospital. He was sitting up last week-end and receiving company.

## Local Band Does Good Job In Big Durham Parade

### Discipline, Organization As Well As Playing and Parading Draw Praise

Take the reports of the townspeople who were there with them, the comments of the officials and the unbiased reports of the many thousands who lined the Main Street of Durham last Saturday afternoon and they all add up to the fact that Williamston's High School band did a first class job in the big parade.

As for the man whose heartbeats followed their every action, Professor Jack Butler, the director, says their job was perfect. They did not make a slip, their behavior was at all times above reproach, discipline and organization were superb. He was elated at the job they had done and glad he went along with the invitation although he found his band was to be the last in all the parade of bands and floats.

So well organized was the unit that it was the third band in the dining place although it marched last and it was the second unit in the vast Duke stadium.

There were bigger bands there, but not much bigger, they may have been some better musicians, but the Green Wave Band was the only one with a real color guard, a full set of majorettes, a drum major, good school colors that could be seen and read by all, and with uniforms that were "uniform" from the tip of the drum major's baton to the last echo at the end of the line.

Discipline and organization got the band a big hand from the throngs when they were prepared for any event and went into some drill routines when they found it necessary to wait for a float to be repaired while other bands scattered about, split up and sat on the curbs and so on.

Professor Butler and others in the group with the band heard many favorable comments and he and his youngsters received the commendations of the director of the Duke band and directors of the other school bands taking part in the big parade. There were about ten units on hand including a crack American Legion marching unit, whose leader sought out Professor Butler to congratulate him and his band on their performance.

## Throngs Attend Church Meeting

While failing to break old-time records of five and six thousand, the annual Primitive Baptist Association at Spring Green last week-end attracted unusually large crowds. An estimated 500 were present for the Saturday program, including Elder B. S. Cowin, former pastor, who was forced into retirement a year or more ago on account of ill health.

On Sunday an estimated 3,000 attended the services which were held out of doors. Assisted by friends from various parts of the county, including followers of other denominations, the membership prepared more than enough food for the throng.

Ministers from various sections of the State had parts in the program, and visitors were there from several states.

## Has Crime Record Stretching Over Large Territory

### Man Investigated Here A Short Time Ago Had Been Held 43 Times

Detained here the latter part of August as one of a group of four men implicated in trick larceny, Ernest Davis, colored man, it was learned this week has a crime record stretching over a large section of the country. Had the record been available when Davis and his companions were placed on trial, it is likely he would have been adjudged guilty. As it was, one of the group, accepted the rap for the quartet and took a 12-month road sentence.

According to FBI records, Davis started his crime career back in 1926 when he was sentenced to the roads for gambling in Sumter, S. C. The following year he was sentenced a second time there for the same offense. In 1930 he was sentenced to six years in the Virginia penitentiary. He broke jail that year and was given a year for that in Richmond.

He next appeared in Greenville in 1933 and was charged with a traffic law violation. The following January, Davis was held for investigation in Rocky Mount. Just a month later he was held for investigation in Columbia, S. C. Jumping to Buffalo, N. Y., he was fined \$10 for gambling in July, 1934. He was held for investigation in Wilson in December, 1934, and was interrogated in Durham in April, 1935. Two months later he was charged with gambling in Oil City, Pa., and in December, 1935, he was investigated in Wilson. In May, 1936, he appeared in Washington, D. C., and was held for investigation. Twenty days later he was sentenced to the roads there for disorderly conduct and started serving a term on the roads at Lorton, Va., in June, 1936.

His next stop was in Raleigh in October, 1937, where he was held for investigation. In December of 1937 he was charged with robbery in Richmond. The following May he was booked for vagrancy in Louisville, Ky. At New Castle, Pa., in June, 1938, he was "concerned and interested in gambling." A few days later he was sentenced to the roads for a month for gambling in Wilmington, Delaware. Less than two months later he was charged with robbery in Whiteville, N. C. On September 5, 1938, he was involved in a confidence game at Nashville, N. C., and four days later he was booked in Raleigh for false pretense. In July, 1939, he was charged with short changing at Farrell, Pa. And then to climax his record, he was booked for "crooked gambling" in Miami, drawing 12 days on the roads and a \$29.24 fine in February, 1940.

On March 25, 1940, he was sentenced to the roads in Miami for larceny by trick. In September, 1940, he went to Tallahassee, Fla., and was investigated. A month later he was held in Lakeland, Fla., for vagrancy, but was released on condition that he leave town. On February 22, 1941, he was fined \$100 in Jacksonville, Fla., for playing the old flim-flam game. Drunk in Raleigh in April, 1941, he drew thirty days on the roads. The act and sentence were duplicated in Greensboro on September 4, 1941. On October 2, 1941, he was charged with flim-flamming in Rocky Mount, and was held two days later for investigation in Durham. In Hinesville, Ga., he was sentenced to the roads for 12 months for cheating and swindling.

Moving north, he was charged with playing the shell game in Petersburg on February 11, 1943, and a few days later was charged with the possession of liquor in Buffalo, N. Y. In June of 1943 he was back in Washington City, playing the ole shell game. He moved to Norfolk in July, 1943, where he was booked for gaming and as a sick nuisance. His next stop was in September, 1943, at Lumberton where he was charged with gambling. His next stop was at Newport News on February 7, 1944, where he was fined \$12.50 and sentenced to jail for ten days for being drunk. On February 28,

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## Tobacco Prices Set All-Time High Record Here Yesterday

### Hear Possibility Of Paving Block On Local Street

### Town Commissioners Hold A Short Session Here Last Evening

In a fairly short session, one lasting about one and one-half hours, the local town commissioners handled routine duties, discussed the possibility of paving a block on Smithwick Street and Franklin Street from Smithwick to Houghton, heard a report on the rat eradication program and carried over right much business until a special meeting is called within the next ten days or two weeks.

A beer license was issued to Sadie R. Joyner for sale of the beverage at the old Duck Inn site. Appearing before the meeting, Mr. Brown, representative of the State Board of Health who is assisting in the rat eradication program, reported on the progress of the drive. "We found fleas and ticks on the rats, indicating there is a potential health hazard present," Mr. Brown said, adding that no report had been received from the State laboratory on the blood tests.

Pointing out that a rat eats and destroys annually property valued at \$22 a year, the health representative stated that the rat population is greater than the human population, that to successfully combat the rodent rubbish heaps and other dumps must be cleaned up. "Eliminate the rat's food supply and destroy his living quarters and you'll eliminate the menace," he declared.

"The rat problem is similar to a thorn in the flesh. You can treat and heal over the wound without removing the thorn, but you have not eliminated the trouble. We are making ready to poison the rats here, but to successfully combat the rodent his feeding places and living quarters must be eliminated," he said and went on to suggest that an ordinance be passed, looking to 100 percent cooperation in making the town literally rat proof and more sightly.

Sanitarian W. B. Gaylord stated that the people were beginning to cooperate with the workers, that only three persons had refused in-

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## Democrats Plan Big Party Rally

Democrats by the hundreds will launch the 1948 campaign at a big First District rally in Washington Friday afternoon of this week, Congressman Herbert C. Bonner announcing that extensive plans had been made for the big political event.

Attracting just about every one of the state's political leaders, the rally will be held in the John Small School auditorium, beginning at 5:00 o'clock that afternoon, followed by a free barbecue between 7:30 and 8:00 o'clock that evening.

The Beaufort County Executive Committee is extending an invitation to all good Democrats to attend the rally. Reports indicate that Martin County will be well represented, that the rally will be one of the largest held in this district in recent years.

## ROUND-UP

Activities subsided on the crime front in this county last week-end when only eight persons were arrested and temporarily detained in the county jail, the list including six colored men, one white man and one colored woman. Five were booked for public drunkenness and one each for an assault and drunken driving while still another was taken into custody for "skipping" bond.

## DAMAGED

No accurate reports are to be had, but it is fairly certain that rains falling in this section during the past week have damaged the peanut crop to some extent.

It is estimated that 65 percent of the crop has been dug and stacked, and where the peanuts were properly stacked they are thought to have weathered the rains all right. Some of those peanuts plowed up and not stacked are possibly damaged, but no one will venture to guess what the rains have done to those peanuts still in the ground.

## Draw Sixty-Six People For Jury Duty Next Month

### List Includes White Women And Colored Men For Special Term

Sixty-six Martin County citizens, including white women and two colored men were drawn by the Martin County Commissioners in their regular October meeting for jury duty during the two-week term of the Martin Superior Court convening the third week in November. Nothing but civil cases are to be tried during the special term.

Judge W. H. S. Burgwyn, completing a two-week term of mixed court last week, has been assigned to preside over the special term.

The thirty citizens drawn for jury duty the first week, include: Jamesville: LeRoy Williams, J. Tilghman Coltrane, Edward L. Martin and Joseph James (colored).

Williams: James Smithwick and James H. Perry. Griffins: Marion Hodges, Jesse H. Peel, Raleigh D. Harrington and Roland C. Griffin.

Bear Grass: W. G. Leary, Leon Hall Rawls, Johnnie W. Wynne. Williamston: A. T. Edwards, B. A. Critcher, Jr., W. Harrell Everett, N. C. Green, J. Paul Simpson, J. O. Manning, Jr., J. W. Garris, C. Milton James, Wheeler Martin Ward and J. Haywood Rogers.

Robersonville: Mrs. B. E. Anderson, J. H. Coburn, R. J. Langley and N. R. Roberson. Goose Nest: H. B. Bennett, Jr., T. L. Harrell, E. L. Fields (colored).

The names of the thirty-three persons drawn for jury duty the second week follow:

Jamesville: Geo. H. Manning, Mrs. Paul Holliday and Ralph Davenport. Williams: L. K. Reason and Arthur D. Johnson.

Griffins: Robert Hodges Peel, Paul Harrington, Noah R. Roberson, Vance L. Peel, Geo. E. Peel and J. Arthur Corey.

Bear Grass: Ernest Harrison, Williamston: W. J. Mills, Jr., Clyde Williams, David Gurganus, J. H. Black, R. W. Bondurant, Bruce Chesson, Ira Meeks, J. R. (Continued on page five)

## Young Man's Body Is En Route Home

The body of Seaman Oniley S. Cowan, Jr., is en route home from the Mediterranean area for burial in native soil, his parents, Mr. and Mrs. O. S. Cowan, were advised by the government last Saturday.

A ship carrying his and the bodies of several hundred more young Americans landed at Philadelphia that day. His body is expected to reach here in three or four weeks.

Seaman Cowan was killed in action on August 18, 1944, in the Mediterranean theater while serving on a destroyer as a metal smith, 3/c.

His body is the fourteenth of a Martin County young man to have been returned for burial in native soil.

## County Board Of Commissioners In Regular Meeting

### Board Orders \$30,000 In Bonds Cashed To Finance Two School Buildings

Holding about a three-hour session Monday, the Martin County Commissioners handled routine duties, ordered \$30,000 in bonds cashed, heard several road delegations, drew a jury and appointed a constable for Goose Nest Township, in addition to a few other minor duties.

The \$30,000 in bonds now held in the reserve fund will be withdrawn to finance school construction projects at Bear Grass, Williamston and Robersonville.

The board recommended that the road leading off U. S. No. 64 via Williams Lower School, thence northwardly to connect with the Island Road be taken over and maintained by the State.

A Jamesville Township delegation, headed by F. W. Holliday and armed with a 55-signature petition, asked the commissioners to recommend the paving of the road leading off N. C. 171 at Carl Griffin's, running thence southwardly by Mrs. Annie Mae Lilley's, Jesse Martin's and others to the Sue Jolly Cross Roads, near Geo. W. Martin, Jr.'s homeplace, the road, about two miles long, accommodates 55 families.

The board ordered an adjustment in the tax account of J. D. Thrower, Jr., when it was pointed out that a 1938 Chevrolet instead of a 1939 model had been listed on the books.

Paul Wynne, colored of Robersonville Township, was relieved of poll tax payments on account of partial blindness.

Wiley Cratt was appointed constable of Goose Nest Township to succeed Edmond Early who was forced to retire some time ago when he suffered a broken hip. The appointment was supported by petition.

Reporting to the board, Tax Collector M. L. Peel stated that \$136,779.01 of the \$283,168.48 levy for 1948 had been collected. It was also reported that all but \$9,695.71 of the \$234,470.99 levy for 1947 had been collected, and that there was a balance of only \$3,066.00 to be collected out of the levy of \$207,294.63 for 1946.

The various officers reported income from fees, fines, costs and other charges for the month of September, as follows:

Sheriff's office, \$306.77; register of deeds, \$376.75; clerk of court, \$1,370 in recorder's court fines, \$661.25 in recorder's court costs, \$190.10 in superior court costs and fines, and \$190.17 in miscellaneous fees.

## Inmate Dies In The County Home

Leo Hack, 87, died in the Martin County Home Sunday evening at 6:00 o'clock. He had been in declining health for a number of years and his condition had been serious for about three weeks.

A native of Michigan, he came to this county years ago in answer to an advertisement for a husband. He was married in the Jamesville section where he lived a number of years, moving to the county home in 1932 some time after the death of his wife. His father was a German and his mother was English.

Funeral services were conducted in the Cedar Branch Baptist Church Monday afternoon at 3:00 o'clock by Rev. W. B. Harrington, and interment was in the churchyard cemetery.

As far as it is known he leaves no immediate relatives.

## Mrs. Critcher Much Improved In Hospital

Suffering a compressed fracture of her back in a fall at her home here on North Watts Street a week ago, Mrs. Roger Critcher, after intense suffering, was reported today to be resting more comfortably in a Richmond hospital for treatment.

She is expected to transfer to the local hospital in about ten days.

## Third Of Million Pounds Are Sold For \$58. Average

### Sales Went Over The Eight Million-Pound Mark Here Monday

All poundage and price records carefully recorded on Williamston's Tobacco Market during the course of the past years were shattered last Friday and yesterday.

A new poundage record for a single day was set last Friday when 358,386 pounds were sold, and a new high mark in prices was reached yesterday when the average for the entire sale, including all types, averaged right at \$58. One floor reported an unofficial average of \$60. Very few piles sold under \$50, and sales held mainly in the 65- to 69-cent range with a few bringing 70 cents.

Farmers and others were startled by the big, bullish price trend. Some reasoned that the crop is just about gone and that the companies are now convinced that the crop is possibly shorter than was predicted.

The American Company possibly led the purchases yesterday but the Reynolds and Liggett companies were in there, too. The Imperial reached its highest price peak yesterday, but even with the price increase it was cornered by the domestic companies.

Selling nearly one-third of a million pounds yesterday, the market went over the eight million-pound mark. While some predict that another million pounds will be handled before the close of the season, the more conservative observers are of the opinion total sales will not exceed eight and three-quarter million pounds.

Prices on the market yesterday climbed about three cents a pound over those of last Friday when one of the best averages of the season up until that time was recorded.

During the first 32 sales days of last season, the market here sold 7,445,110 pounds for an average of \$40.84. The sales during the first 32 days of the current season stand right at 8,020,000 pounds at an average of \$48.

A review of market activities for the belt follows: Strong demand on the part of manufacturers and dealers during the seventh week of Eastern North Carolina flue-cured tobacco sales resulted in highest averages of the season for practically all grades reported the United States and North Carolina Departments of Agriculture.

The increases in grade averages for the week ending September 30 ranged from 25c to \$7.00 per hundred when compared with the previous week. The most telling gains were made in leaf and lugs which comprised two-thirds of all marketings. These grades were up generally \$3.00 to \$6.00. Smoking leaf and primings were \$1.00 to \$4.00 higher and cutters steady to stronger. While the practical top averages was \$67.00, it was not unusual for individual baskets of best quality offerings to bring \$70.00 per hundred.

Volume of sales was fairly heavy. For the week ending Friday, October 1, gross sales totaled 37,765,517 pounds and averaged \$54.53 per hundred. This average exceeded last week's by \$4.13 for the highest of the season. Season gross sales now stand at 260,170,471 pounds averaging \$48.07.

The quality was slightly better to also influence the higher general average. More cutters, lugs, and better leaf grades were sold than during the previous week. There were less lower leaf and nondescript. Principal offerings were common to good leaf, low and fair cutters, fair and good lugs, and good smoking leaf. In spite of the unfavorable weather for handling tobacco, only a very small amount was in unsafe keeping order or damaged.

With the higher prices came a

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