

## Red Cross Drive Is Three-Fourths Complete To Date

### Chairman Hugh Martin Issues Urgent Appeal For A Final Push

Explaining that the annual Red Cross fund drive in this chapter is hardly three-fourths complete, Drive Chairman Hugh Martin this morning urged the canvassers and the general public to put forth a renewed effort and help carry the campaign to a successful conclusion. Several divisions, Mr. Martin pointed out, have reached and exceeded their quotas, and encouraging progress is being made in others. It is possible for the chapter to reach its goal, and Mr. Martin is hopeful the general public will rally in the next few days to the cause.

Saturday, April 10, has been set as the date for final reports on the drive, Mr. Martin said, renewing his appeal to all to help in the final push toward the goal.

Up until this morning a total of \$3,231.10 had been raised and reported to the chairman, leaving the drive \$1,268.90 short of its goal. "We sincerely believe that the amount can be raised," Mr. Martin said.

In a brief review of the campaign Mr. Martin said that Williamston employees with a quota of \$200, had contributed \$272.94 under the chairmanship of Mrs. Irving Margolis.

The residential canvass, headed by Mrs. W. H. Abernathy, raised \$581.06, or \$87.06 in excess of the quota.

One of the most disappointing responses in the campaign is centered in the special gifts division in Williamston where only \$1,259.50 of the \$2,250.00 quota had been reached up until this morning. Chairman Martin explained that the drive was not complete, that a last-minute response would change the outlook in that division.

Jamesville with a quota of \$300 was within \$9.60 of its goal today, according to a report released by Mrs. Camille F. Rawls, co-chairman of the township.

Williams Township, under the direction of Mr. Floyd Moore and with the aid of four able canvassers, exceeded its \$100 quota by \$3.

Mr. and Mrs. Hugh B. Griffin, heading the drive in Griffins Township, reported \$202 of the \$250 quota had been raised. The drive there is incomplete and Mr. and Mrs. Griffin appealed to the people there to lend a helping hand by Saturday of this week so the district could go over the top. A late start was made in Bear Grass where Chairman A. B. Ayers, Jr., reported \$70 of the \$250 in hand. A last minute rush is certain to change the picture there it was said.

Assigned a quota of \$740, colored citizens in the five chapter townships—Jamesville, Williams, Griffins, Bear Grass and Williamston—had raised and reported \$452 up until this morning. The canvass is not yet complete and Chairman Martin believes the goal will be reached by the middle or latter part of next week.

## Corporal Speaks To Rotary Club

Addressing the regular meeting of the Rotary Club at the Switch Tuesday noon, Cpl. M. C. Byrum of the State Highway Patrol explained the operation of the several devices for checking speed on the highways. In addition to the marked and unmarked cars, the patrol is using radar and the time clock.

Cpl. Byrum explained that the patrol was primarily interested in helping motorists protect their lives and property, and asked the cooperation of all in making the highways safer.

### QUIET MEETING

With no new business on the agenda, the Martin County Commissioners are all set for a quiet and uneventful meeting next Monday. Routine business will require some little time, and it is possible that someone will appear before the board with a request or offer a problem for discussion.

## First of Pre-School Clinics In This County Next Week

Plans have been completed for holding the first in the series of pre-school clinics in this county, according to information released by the health department. In the absence of a health officer, the several doctors in the county have agreed to make the examinations and assist in every way possible, it was explained.

All children who will be six years old on or before next October 15 should be examined at the pre-school clinics.

The first in the series will be held in Williamston next Wednesday, April 7, at the Health Center for those white children whose last names start with A through the letter M. Those whose names start with the letter N on

## Williams First To Exceed 1954 Red Cross Goal

### Four Canvassers Pushed Their District Over The Top In Short Time

Williams Township, under the chairmanship of Mr. Floyd Moore, has gone over the top in the 1954 Red Cross fund drive. Assigned a \$100 quota, the district raised \$103. Chairman Moore explained that it was the untiring work of four canvassers Mrs. Pauline Godard, Mrs. Stella Perry, Mrs. Annie Whittington and Mrs. Helen Roberson, that carried the district over the top in a short time. Mr. Moore expressed his appreciation to the canvassers and all those who had a part in the current drive.

Handing the canvass in the Holly Springs Community, Mrs. Godard reported \$30, as follows: Frank Hopkins, Clyde Barber, Frank Barber, Arthur Lilley, Major Barber, Mrs. Sam Andrews, Mrs. Melborn Hardison, Park Hardison, Mr. and Mrs. Lee Hardison, Mrs. Eva Hardison, Mr. and Mrs. J. S. Andrews, Mr. and Mrs. Billy Gughan and Preston Johnson, \$1 each; Lucian Hardison, \$5; Bobby Moore, Grady Godard and R. J. Hardison, \$2 each; Rodas Griffin and Mrs. Jack Hardison, 50 cents each.

Mrs. James Perry reported \$27.25 in the Fairview Community, as follows: Mr. and Mrs. Harry Reed, Mr. and Mrs. John Lilley, A Friend, Mr. and Mrs. Joe Perry, Mr. and Mrs. Dick Hardison, S. S. Moore, Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Heath, Mr. and Mrs. Howard Tyre, Carl Gardner, Mr. and Mrs. Wendell Griffin, W. W. Griffin, Mr. and Mrs. Millard Holliday, Mr. and Mrs. James H. Perry and Bobby Moore, \$1 each; Mr. and Mrs. Major Gardner, Marvin Hardison, Walter Gardner, and Floyd Moore, \$2 each; Mrs. Hubert Gardner, 25 cents; Thade Gardner, 50 cents; John Lilley, Jr., 50 cents; Fairview Home Demonstration Club, \$1.50, and Fairview Ladies Aid, \$2.50.

Handing the canvass in the Sileam Community, Mrs. Monroe Whittington reported \$24.10, as follows: Mrs. Floyd Moore, Wheeler Gardner, Asa Moore, Monroe Whittington, and a Friend, \$2 each; Mrs. Fannie Wells, a Friend, Mrs. Jim Coltrin, and James Gardner, 50 cents each; Robert Parrisher, Lealon Roberson, Hardy Parrisher, Herbert Moore, Lawrence Griffin, Mr. and Mrs. John Moore and John H. Revels, \$1 each; a Friend, 10 cents.

Mrs. Irving Roberson reported \$21.65 in the Riddick's Grove Community, as follows: A friend, \$3; Thade Hopkins, 50 cents; Marie Bland, \$2; a Friend, \$3; Irving Roberson, Albert Tyre, Paul Harrington, Howard Hopkins, Mary Clyde Coltrin, Mrs. Woodrow Jones, Mrs. Annie Roberson, Mrs. C. B. Roberson, Lillian Long, Will Manning and Mrs. Noah Roberson, \$1 each; Jim Williams, Jimmie Tyre and

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## Hold Funeral For Native Of County

Funeral services were conducted at the home of a niece, Mrs. Arthur F. Pope, in Dunn Tuesday at 11:00 o'clock a. m. for Miss Caddie Purvis, a native of this county who died in the UDC Home in Fayetteville last Monday morning at 3:30 o'clock. The Rev. Richard Rhea Gammon, assisted by Dr. George Cutreth, conducted the rites. Interment was in the Dunn cemetery.

Miss Purvis was born near Hamilton 92 years ago and left the county many years ago to make her home in Tarboro, later going to Dunn to live with a sister. She was the daughter of the late Louis Purvis and wife, the former Miss Polla, d. of Virginia. She was a member of the First Presbyterian Church in Dunn and the United Daughters of the Confederacy.

She is survived by distant relatives in this county and four nieces, Mrs. Pope and Mrs. Louis C. Stevens of Dunn, Mrs. Horace Freeman of Martinsville, Va., and Mrs. A. B. Butler of Clinton.

## Federation Of Business Women's Circles To Meet

The First Baptist Church of Rocky Mount, will be host to the Federation of Business Women's Circles of the Roanoke Association next Tuesday. Miss Josephine C. Norwood of Richmond, Virginia will be guest speaker.

Miss Norwood is associate secretary to the Womans Missionary Union of Virginia, specializing in the promotion of Business Women's Circles and Federations.

## J. Thomas Harrell Died Early Today At His Home Here

Funeral Service For Retired Farmer At Funeral Home at 3:30 Friday

John Thomas Harrell, retired farmer and well-known citizen of this county, died at his home here on North Houghton Street this morning at 5:45 o'clock following a lingering illness. He had been in declining health for several years, but was able to be out until early January of this year when he suffered a stroke. After a seven week stay in a local hospital he showed some improvement and he was removed to his home three weeks ago. His condition became grave late yesterday.

The son of the late John Smithwick and Emma Peele Harrell, he was born in Williamston 80 years ago on April 24, 1873. He farmed all his life in the county around Williamston and Robersonville except two years spent in Tarboro where he was engaged in building construction work. He was an industrious farmer, introducing many modern practices and methods to agriculture in this county. When a young man he joined the Memorial Baptist Church here.

In 1893 he was married to Miss Helen Bowen who died in 1947. Surviving are five daughters, Mrs. O. L. Ward and Miss Mary Lee Harrell, both of the home Mrs. James H. Chesson of Robersonville, Mrs. Hilda Dahlsten of Portsmouth, and Mrs. Ira Harrison of Williamston; one son, Robert Harrell of the home; three sisters, Mrs. L. B. Harrison and Mrs. Bessie Hampton, both of Williamston, and Mrs. Fritz Lichte of Bryan Texas; and a brother, Henry Harrell, of Ridgecrest, N. C., and seven grandchildren and six great-grandchildren.

In addition to his own, he and Mrs. Harrell took into their home two children, Mrs. Samuel Malloy now of Stokes and Mrs. H. O. Peele of Williamston, extending to them the same loving care and attention received by other members of the family. Few possessed more generous hearts than Mr. Harrell and his wife.

The last rites will be conducted in the Biggs Funeral Chapel on West Main Street here Friday afternoon at 3:30 o'clock by the Rev. E. Gordon Conklin, Baptist minister, assisted by the Rev. John L. Goff, pastor of the First Christian Church here. Interment will be in Woodlawn Cemetery.

## Robbers Active In The County

Robbers, operating between midnight and day, are continuing their nefarious business in this county and just about other one in eastern North Carolina. The latest raid was centered in Dardens before day yesterday morning when the Paul Allen store there was robbed of about \$60 in cash and Lux alarm clock.

Breaking a lock on the side door, the robbers moved to the front of the store, found the main door to a large iron safe open and prized the inner doors open. The cash register and a counter cash drawer were opened, Mr. Allen stating that about \$20 in \$1 bills and about \$40 in old silver coins were stolen. Other than the clock no goods were missed from the store.

Investigating the case, Sheriff M. W. Holloman and Deputy D. A. Roberson said the robbers parked their car in front of the store and left it there while they entered the store. No lead has been established in the case. Officers are working night and day trying to establish leads in the robbery cases.

## Firemen Called To Rural Home

Williamston firemen were called out at 1:15 o'clock Tuesday afternoon when fire threatened the home of Mr. and Mrs. Milford Holliday on the Everett farm about five miles from here. Catching around the chimney from a wood heater in the living room, the fire burned out part of one end of the house. Passersby saw the fire and did an effective work to bring the fire under control about the time the firemen reached there.

### NO MEETING

There'll be no meeting of the Martin County Board of Education next Monday. The board is expected to meet later in the month and consider final plans for a new Negro high school building in Robersonville.

### NEW TONIGHT

There will be something brand new at the concert tonight of the Williamston High School Band—the majorettes, serving as ushers for the concert will be wearing brand new uniforms especially designed for the Williamston band and reported to be unusually attractive. The new outfits arrived recently and will be used tonight for the first time.

Other news at the concert probably will include an official announcement concerning the proposed trip to the Greensboro music festival this month.

The concert, with a varied program and a guest conductor for two numbers, will begin at 8:15 p. m.

## Holding Funeral This Afternoon For Mr. Taylor

Prominent Farmer Died At Home In Cross Roads Tuesday Afternoon

Chester Taylor, leading farmer and a prominent citizen of this county, died at his home in Cross Roads Township early Tuesday afternoon after a several months illness. He suffered dizzy spells last summer, but apparently recovered and was getting along very well until early this year. He underwent a major operation in a Richmond hospital in February and his condition had been critical since that time. Returning to this county he was a patient in a local hospital for about two weeks before continuing to his home. He had been in a partial coma following the operation but he was bright last week-end, recognizing and talking with member of his family and a few friends. His condition worsened rapidly since that time and the end did not come unexpectedly.

The son of the late Jonah and Charlie Bullock Taylor, he was born in Beaufort County 61 years ago, and spent his early life there. Following his marriage to Miss Bertha Mobley of this county, he located in Cross Roads Township where he developed a fine farm and engaged in community affairs. He was an active member of Christian Chapel Church at Cross Roads, serving as deacon for many years. He was faithful in attendance upon its services and was loyal in its support and work.

Surviving are Mrs. Taylor; three daughters, Mrs. Chas. Cullipher of RFD 3, Williamston, Mrs. Bryant Wynne of the home, and Mrs. Nathan Wynne of Cross Roads; four brothers, Louis and Bonnie Taylor, both of Bear Grass Township and Herbert and Geo. Taylor, both of near Washington; one sister, Mrs. Sallie Hodges, of Bear Grass, and nine grandchildren.

Funeral services are being conducted in the church at Cross Roads this afternoon at 2:30 o'clock by his pastor, the Rev. Preston E. Cayton. Interment will be in Woodlawn Cemetery here.

## Fines For Office Of County Sheriff

Raymond Rawls, Williamston young man added the official touch to his announcement for the office of sheriff of Martin County this week when he filed his candidacy with Elections Board Chairman C. D. Carstarphen.

The only other development on the political front in the county this week was the filing by L. Bruce Wynne for clerk of the Martin County Superior Court. No formal announcement accompanied Mr. Wynne's filing.

In a statement released today relative to his candidacy, Mr. Rawls said, "I come to the people, asking their votes and support in the coming primary. In return, I pledge to serve, if nominated and elected, the people of this fine county to the best of my knowledge and ability. I am striving to visit with every family in the county, but should I fail to see some of you, I trust that you will accept this appeal as my means of contact."

## New Yorker Dies In His Car Here

Traveling from Florida to his home at 83 Eleventh Street, Garden City, N. Y., Frederick Kenneth Stephenson, 63, suffered an attack and died before he could be removed from his car in front of a tourist car near here last evening about 6:00 o'clock. Medical aid was called, but he died before a doctor could reach him.

Accompanied by his wife Mr. Stephenson was driving his car, and was the apparent victim of a heart attack, one report stating that he had been troubled with a heart condition on previous occasions.

Mrs. Stephenson left by plane early this morning from the Norfolk airport for the home in Garden City. The body is being moved this afternoon by funeral coach to Garden City where it is planned to conduct the funeral service in the Episcopal church Saturday.

## Seventy-Five Cases In Recorders Court

Fines Add Up To \$940 At Regular Session Monday

Court Had Been Idle Two Weeks While Big Court Was In Session

Idle for two weeks while the superior tribunal was in session, the Martin County Recorder's Court had its wheels of justice thrown into high gear by Judge H. O. Peele and Solicitor Clarence W. Griffin last Monday and before the day was spent seventy-five cases were cleared from the docket.

Most of the cases involved infractions of the speed laws, the defendants pleading guilty in all of them. Several of the defendants in the other twenty cases also pleaded guilty to expedite the work of the court during the day.

Proceedings, other than those involving speed law violations, follow:

Pleading guilty of operating a motor vehicle without a driver's license, Elwood Harvey was fined \$25, plus costs. The court added \$10 to the fine because the defendant failed to appear on schedule earlier in the month.

The case in which Jimmie Keel was charged with assaulting a female was not pressed, subject to be reopened at a later date.

Thomas Eugene Staton, pleading guilty of careless and reckless driving, was fined \$10, plus costs. Pleading guilty of drunken

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## Named To County Welfare Board

Mrs. Wheeler Martin of Williamston has accepted appointment as a member of Martin County board of Public Welfare to take office on April 1 as the appointee of the State Board of Public Welfare.

The county welfare board, composed of three persons from the county, has responsibility under State law for the administration of the public welfare program in the county in accordance with uniform State-wide policies. This board determines who is eligible for public assistance and in what amount. The welfare board and the board of county commissioners determine annually to joint session the amount of county money available for public welfare, including the welfare department's administrative and assistance budgets.

Mrs. Martin is one of the 100 persons in North Carolina, one in each county, who have been named this year as the State Board appointee of their respective county welfare boards for a three-year term. Only two consecutive terms may be served on this board though a person may be eligible for re-appointment after another person has served at least one intervening term. A second year the county commissioners designate one member of each county welfare board, who may be a commissioner. A third year the third member of the welfare board is agreed upon by the other two continuing members of the welfare board. These two members are Mr. Robert K. Adkins of Robersonville, the commissioner's appointee, and Mr. Nat Johnson of Oak City.

Mrs. Martin takes the place of Mrs. Eva M. Grimes of Williamston who had been a member of the county welfare board for two terms, the maximum consecutive terms permissible under State law.

"Mrs. Grimes has rendered excellent service on the Martin County Welfare Board," Miss Taylor said, "This unselfish and effective service in the interest of good welfare administration and the desire to help people help themselves is greatly appreciated."

The board meets monthly with Miss Taylor, county superintendent of public welfare, to transact official business and more frequently when necessary.

## Fifty-Five Speed Cases Handled In The County Court

Cases Pile Up While Court Was Idle During The Past Two Weeks

It was speeders' day last Monday when the Martin County Recorder's Court handled fifty-five speed law violations, and assessed fines in the amount of \$150. While the fines amounted to only \$160, the costs of court boosted the total by \$1,267.75 or at a rate of \$23.05 per case. Speeding, it is agreed by many of the 55 defendants in the court recently, is not only a dangerous business but also a costly business.

Most of the defendants, holding down their speeds to 65 miles or less, were taxed with the costs, while \$10 fines were imposed in sixteen other cases where the speed was not in excess of 70 miles an hour.

Charged with speeding between 65 and 70 miles an hour, the following defendants were fined \$10 each and taxed with the costs: Gerald Paul Deal of Fleet Post Office, New York City; Fred Bernard of Flushing, N. Y.; Colon Albert Martin of Jamesville, Albert Theodore Bront of Newport News, Robert S. Kellert of Newark, N. J., Leo Rougharden of Fairlawn, N. J., Cary Watson, a fireman of Miami; John E. Ackerman of Ridgewood, N. J.; Louis J. Rotondo of Hicksville, N. Y.; Eugene Clinton of Norfolk; Nan Engelfardt of New York City; Jason Joseph Raines of Washington, D. C.; Frank B. Ross of St. Louis; Verlin Griffin of RFD 1, Williamston; Willie Lee Little of RFD 1, Stokes; Nathan T. Wynne of RFD 2, Robersonville.

## Marriages Hold Up Well In The County In March

### License Issuance Last Month Largest For Any March In Six Years

Despite recession talk and any and all other adverse factors, Cupid is forging ahead with his work in this county. The records show that more marriage licenses were issued last month than in any March since 1948. The fairly healthy business during the month followed a minor lapse during January and February of this year. The marriage license issuance last month was among the largest for the past fourteen months.

Licenses were issued to twenty couples, eight to white and twelve to colored couples last month in the county, as follows:

**White**  
John Thomas Leary and Annie Keel, both of Williamston.  
Walter J. Gardner and Mrs. Addie Perry Hardison, both of Williamston.

Johnny Frank Beacham and Bessie Manning, both of Williamston.

Edward Franklin Evans and Carolyn Ann Allen, both of Greenville.

Dennis H. Barber of Williamston and Jean Inez Hobbs of Plymouth.

Rufus Bullock and Carrie Louise Williams of RFD 1, Robersonville.

Martel Hardy of RFD 3, Williamston and Peggy Carson of Williamston.

Leamon Lloyd Ward of RFD 2, Robersonville and Shirley Frances Corey of RFD 1, Williamston.

**Colored**  
Robert E. Sheppard and Myrtle Lucille Wallace, both of RFD 3, Williamston.

S. T. Sherrod and Sally Bell Wilkins, both of Williamston.

LeRoy Roberson of Robersonville and Clara Purvis of Williamston.

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## Mrs. Dora Bowers Dies In Bethel

Mrs. Dora Bowers, 67, of Bethel, died at Pitt Memorial Hospital in Greenville at 3:30 Tuesday morning after an illness of one week. Mrs. Bowers was the daughter of the late John H. and Nell Jane Whitehurst Eubanks. She was born in the Bethel community June 6, 1886 and was married to the late W. R. Bowers March 4, 1904. She was a member of the Parnee Methodist Church and a member of the home demonstration club. She was treasurer of the woman's society of Christian service of Parnee Methodist Church.

Mrs. Bowers is survived by three daughters, Mrs. Lester Crofton of Plymouth, Mrs. David Cox of Richlands, Mrs. Frank Coy of Miami, Fla.; one son, William Ray Bowers of the home; three half brothers, John W. Eubanks of Hassell, Melvin Eubanks of Wilmington, and Guthrie Ayers of Richmond, Va.; two half sisters, Mrs. Rosa Lamm of Wilson, Mrs. Wayne Place of Roselle Park, N. J.; three grandchildren.

Funeral services were held at the home yesterday afternoon at 3:30 o'clock by the Rev. H. B. Lewis of Bethel. Interment was in the Bethel cemetery.

## Fourth In Series Of Lenten Preachers Here

The fourth in a series of Lenten preachers at the Church of the Advent, Williamston, will be the Rev. Charles Wulf, rector of Holy Trinity Church, Hertford. The service will be at eight o'clock tonight.

### ALL DAY

In accordance with an agreement entered into earlier this year, Williamston stores remain open all day Wednesday, April 7 and 14, for the benefit of Easter shoppers, the Boosters office pointed out this week.

The half-holiday schedule will be back in effect the Wednesday after Easter, April 21.