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Dr. Michal Makes Report On SealSaleIn Emergency Blood Needs Local Immunization Survey FinalWeek Bring Drastic Actions

Dr. Mary Michal, local Health Director, on an immunization survey made by the Public Health nurses in Watauga County Schools—1st grade pupils— in September, 1962.

Four hundred and thirty children were enrolled in the first grades of our schools in Sep-tember, 1962. These four hundred and thirty children were not 100% protected against the usual communicable diseases for which we have protection when enrolled in the first grade.

Besides the communicable disease for which we can protect a child he will, of course, be exposed to other things for which we do not have protection: mumps, chickenpox, Ger-man measles, steptococcic infections of sore throats and ear trouble for which he may have very little or no resistance. We shall soon have protection against measles, which up until now has been a serious threat, as it is not at all a mild disease. For scarlet fever, we have the protection of new treatment in the latest antibiotics so that this should not be associated with serious illness and complica-

tions But what of the child that has against diphtheria, whooping scar and therefore have no pro-Already in 1963 there has been Carolina. Occasionally a case of States because a person coming posed but has not come down it should have been given. to forget them, but I am sure with the disease — in other Eleven of these children, or that all older citizens can rericultural areas, and every wound or injury to the skin or tissues of the body can become infected with tetanus, which is almost always fatal. Unfortun-



COFFEE DAY .-- Mrs. Tine Edmiston and Sonny Klutz of Sonny's Grill in Blowing Rock, hold an Easter Seals Coffee Day sign for patrons to see. This is one of many restuarants and drug stores in the county who will donate all coffee money to the Easter Seals Campaign Saturday.

though vaccination does not pro- receive and have these ready to tect entirely against, does give present at the time of enrolling them for school, in accordance very adequate protection against serious illness and complica-tions. Therefore, the following with the state law. This year let us see that our statistics are very indicative of children are adequately protectthe interest taken by us in pro- ed in infancy and if past that

tecting our children. age and they have not been pro-Twenty-one of these children, tected, let us take care of this not been adequately protected or 4.88%, have no smallpox responsibility now. I am sure we all realize how fortunate it cough, tetanus, polio, smallpox? tection against smallpox. Only is that we live in an age when four of these or .09% had their these devastating diseases are one case of diphtheria in North vaccination delayed because of no longer killing our infants some physician's order to do so. and young children in the numsmallpox develops in the United Probably all of these could have bers which occurred not too States because a person coming been protected if given the vac-many years ago. When things into the country has been ex- cination early in infancy when become past history, it is easy

words, was in the incubation 2.56%, lacked their diphtheria, mind the younger parents of period. The polio cases that oc-cur each year, the majority of immunizations. The same num-five or six members of the famthem paralytic, are much more common in persons, particularly while another seventeen, or theria, whooping cough or some children, inadequately or not at 3.05%, had not received their other communicable disease. all protected. Tetanus is a consecond and third DPT and polio This should not happen in even stant threat, particularly in ag- immunizations. This should be isolated cases today. See your

ately, we have cases of whoop-ing cough every year, which all immunizations their children doses.

As the Easter Seal campaign wings into the final big week, phone call from the hospital in prospects for one of the most

ssful drives in the history of the campaign in Watauga county are in evidence, accordding to Chairman Blake Brinkerhoff. Perhaps the main reason for the fine response of the citizens of our county this year stems from the way funds to be kept in the county will be

It is the intention of the Easter Seals committee either to establish a scholarship for additional study by the County Speech Therapist, or add a scholarship for use by a second patient. person entering this new field. The l has been accomplished by the therapist, Mrs. Council Cook, in her first year of service in this capacity, cannot be overstated. She has helped 71 students in our county schools with speech problems to make great strides in overcoming their handicaps, and she has become aware of many more cases that one person just does not have the time to deal with. Therefore, the need for additional help is great, and the Easter Seals committee hopes to encourage others to aid in this effort through the Scholarship Fund.

According to Mr. Brinkerhoff, "Much has been given in terms of time, effort and money to make this campaign a success, but there is still opportunity for more asistance to this cause that benefits our county and state efforts to combat the effects of crippling diseases."

Directors BR Chamber

To Meet Friday Night The regular meeting of the

Directors of the Blowing Rock Chamber of Commerce will be held Friday, April 12, at 7:30 p. m. All members are invited to attend.

The only people who have

Have you ever received

the middle of the day or night and asked if you could possibly come down and give a pint of blood for a patient? This is not a common prac tice, but then it is not unheard of either. You might ask, why does the hospital call for blood

when they are supposed to get it from the Red Cross? This is done only when an unforseen emergency occurs and the blood cannot be obtained from the Charlotte blood center in time to be of use for the

The hospital always tries to The great amount of good that keep an ample supply of blood on hand for emergencies and also when an operation is scheduled. But then again, occasionally complications might arise with an operation and additional blood will be needed and then the call from the hospital will go out for blood donors.

Several months ago in our own hospital, an operation occurred and the hospital had ordered blood for the use in this case, but complications arose and the patient used over 30 pints of blood before completion. One might wonder where all

of this blood came from and the answer is simply that the supply ordered for the patient was exhausted before the operation had been completed and with the use of the hospital and Red Cross donor records, they were able to get the correct type and the donor without losing any time. Additional blood, in the meantime, had been ordered

from the Charlotte blood center. In a particular case like the above mentioned, which was an emergency, the North Carolina highway patrol was asked to

help in getting this blood from the Charlotte Blood Center. A relay, set up by the highway patrol of Watauga county and through the cooperation of the various patrolmen in each county from Charlotte to here, the blood arrived in a much shorter period of time than it would have through the regular means of transportation.

Deeds of this type, in the interest of one's fellowman are often performed and the recipient never knows the sincere concern taking place behind the scenes. The hospital, playing an ever important role in the needs of the patient and through Red Cross, always striving in every way to see that the needs of

all are met. But how can the importance of each of these continue? Only through the continued support

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by the blood donors who so Legion Ladies Cross Blood Program. Through your efforts, needs all over this Meet Friday region can be met daily. Watauga Post 130 American

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Each week, over 1800 pints of Legion and the Watauga Unit blood are dispensed from the of the Auxiliary will have their Red Cross Blood Center in Charmeeting on Friday night at 7:30 lotte. And never a week goes by that we, in Watauga county, do not receive our needs.

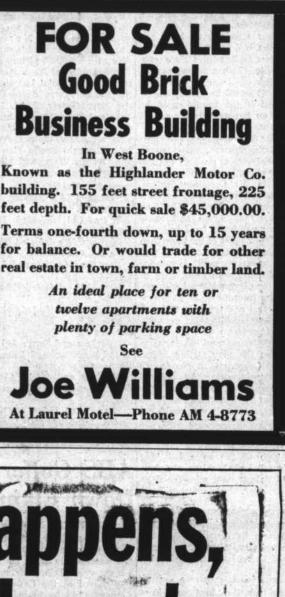
Will you plan to give a pint of blood Tuesday, April 23, all members are requested to at East Hall on the college be present. The business meetcampus? You are needed between the hours of 11 a.m., and 5 p. m., to help in this worth-

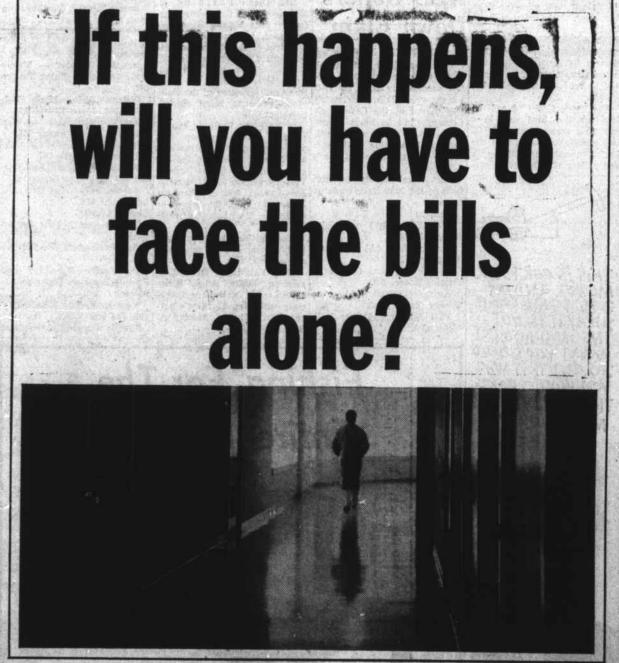
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p. m. This meeting is for the purpose of electing officers for the incoming year. Both organizations will elect officers, and ing will also be held on the same date.

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Air Force jet tanker exploded over guardhouse in Alaska killing nine.







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