

Blood Program 'Rescued'; 282 Pints Given



Norman Young, co-chairman of the Blood Program is a regular donor. Here he has his blood pressure checked by Christine Richardson, a nurse from Morehead Hospital.

One hundred and sixty-eight Fieldcresters, from all of the plants and offices in the Tri-Cities, donated blood at the highly-successful "Operation Rescue" May 12, doing their share in the community-wide project to save the local Blood Program.

A total of 282 pints of blood were collected, exceeding the goal of 250 pints and eliminating a long-standing deficit in blood donations in the local area. A large number of prospective donors were not able to give blood because the Bloodmobile ran out of bottles and other necessary supplies and equipment.

Haven Newton and Norman Young, co-chairmen of the Blood Program, expressed appreciation to all who gave blood or offered to give blood, and to the volunteer workers. They had special words of thanks for the organizations that assisted.

"Operation Rescue" was held at the Rescue Squad building on the Spray-Draper road. Squad members manned the headquarters all day and a number of members donated blood. The Virginia-Carolina Citizens Band Radio Club provided free transportation for donors, Radio Club members also gave blood.

The Jaycees gave blood as a unit and manned a sound truck. The Junior Woman's Club conducted a telephone campaign for donors. Other organizations supporting the project included Tri-City Merchants Association, the Moose Club, Leaksville-Spray Lions, Draper Lions, Draper Rotary Club, Leaksville-Spray Rotary Club, and Tri-City Ministerial Association.



Normally there is little waiting to give blood, but the great crowd at "Operation Rescue" caused some delay. From left are Charles F. Burton, Jr., Robert L. Moore, Bob Bibey, Andrew Collins, Jr., Vernard Hall, Fanny M. Pruitt, Irma Hale.



Tri-City Rescue Squad had important part in project. Some of squad members, from left on front row, Ralph Murphy, Junior Wray, Margaret Wray and Captain Grief Jones; back row, Milton Benson, Irene K. Griffin and Willie Aheron.



All donors received refreshments after giving blood. Clockwise from left are Perry Harris, Bedspread Mill; Cornell Bowling, Bleachery, Clarence Stevens, Bedspread Mill; and Posey Snead, Bleachery. Serving them is Mrs. Robert Wall, Jr.



Apparently enjoying the occasion are these donors, clockwise from left, Clyde Carter and C. W. Tulloch, both of whom are employed at Bedspread Mill; W. E. Purdy, of Leaksville Woolen Mills; and Homer Moore, of the Bleachery.