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MOBILE BLOOD DONOR UNIT



A drive is currently being made in the county to provide a mobile blood donor unit similar to the one pictured above, which will be donated to the American Red Cross, in honor of youths from Halifax County now in the armed services of the county. The unit will bear the name of Halifax County on the door, when sufficient funds for its purchase have been raised.

SOLICIT FUNDS IN COUNTY FOR MOBILE BLOOD DONOR UNIT FOR THE RED CROSS

T. W. Mullen Chairman Of Drive In City; Reports Progress

Funds are currently being solicited throughout Halifax County to pay for a mobile blood donor unit to be given in honor of county men serving in the nation's armed forces, and T. W. Mullen is chairman of the drive in Roanoke Rapids.

The blood plasma procured by this means is processed into dry plasma, and sent for use on the battle fronts. It is said to be of the greatest help in bringing back American soldiers who have been wounded in battle.

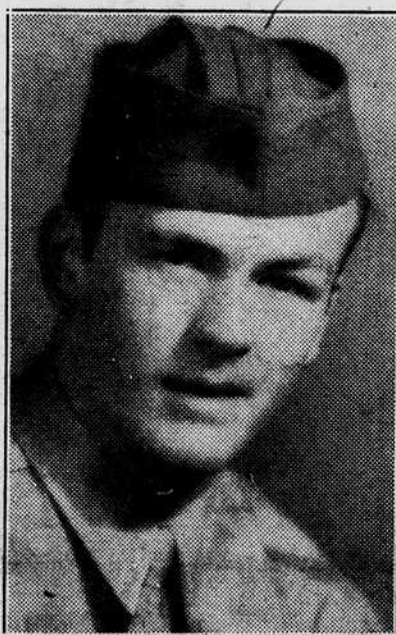
When sufficient contributions have been made to insure the purchase of the unit, it will bear the name of "Halifax County, North Carolina" on the door, and will be given to the American Red Cross, to be used wherever it is most needed.

Mr. Mullen pointed out that this was strictly not another Red Cross Drive, as the only interest that organization had in the venture was in placing the units where they are most needed.

A concerted drive for contributions will be made in industrial plants in the city, while the Veterans of Foreign Wars organization will solicit funds for the balance of the community. Mullen named the following men to head the drive here: A. O. Pendleton for Roanoke Mills Co. No. 1; W. T. Hodges for Roanoke Mills Co. No. 2; A. Melkle for Patterson Mills Company; T. W. Mullen for Rosemary Manufacturing Co.; E. L. Byrd for Manchester Board and Paper Co.; E. H. Graves for Halifax Paper Co., and Don Tillar for Virginia Electric & Power Co.

The drive in the county has been underway for more than 10-
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ADVANCES



CPL. GEO. GRAHAM DICKENS son of Mr. and Mrs. B. P. Dickens, 2009 Halifax Road, has been sent to Miami Beach, Florida, for an 8-weeks course in physical education, at the completion of which he will be made a staff sergeant. Cpl. Dickens was inducted in August, 1942, and was stationed at Ardmore, Oklahoma, until recently. A brother, Staff Sgt. Joe B. Dickens, is on duty with a medical unit in North Africa, having arrived there shortly before Christmas last year.

BOND QUOTA FOR COUNTY UP FOR JUNE

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ERWIN DIES AT HOSPITAL HERE TODAY

City Police Officer Breathed His Last About 10:30 A. M.

W. M. Erwin, who has served as a city police officer since December, 1936, died at Roanoke Rapids Hospital about 10:30 this morning, of coronary thrombosis. He was stricken with a heart attack on the morning of Tuesday, May 18th, and was taken to the hospital where he remained as a patient, up to the time of his death this morning. Reports of his condition had been encouraging for the past ten-days, although death was not unexpected.

Funeral services will be conducted from the Rosemary Baptist Church here Saturday afternoon at 5 p. m. with Rev. C. F. Young, of Lexington, officiating.

Mr. Erwin was 58-years old. He came to Roanoke Rapids in 1934, from Hillsboro. He was a native of Orange County, and worked at the carpenters trade here prior to joining the city police force.

He is survived by his wife, Mrs. Nellie B. Hurley Erwin; 3 sons, H. H. "Jack", and Crawford Erwin of this city, and Bradley Erwin of Newport News, Va., 6 daughters, Mrs. C. E. Hicks of Hillsboro, Mrs. W. R. Myrick of Roanoke Rapids, Della M. Erwin, serving with the WAAC's at Camp Polk, La.; Mrs. Frank Marquardt of Pennsylvania, and Misses Lucy and Annie Erwin of this city.

In addition to his immediate family he is survived by 16 grandchildren, three brothers, Henry Erwin of Mooresville, J. F. Erwin of Charlotte and John Erwin of Davidson College, and one sister, Mrs. C. W. Beam of Kannapolis.

PREVENTORIUM WILL OPEN IN CITY JUNE 14th

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Negro Is Suicide

SILVER BARS

LIVES FOR 4 1/2 HOURS AFTER FIRING SHOT



LT. RAINE WILSON son of Mr. and Mrs. T. O. Wilson, 738 Roanoke Avenue, was commissioned a first lieutenant at Camp Pickett, Va., on May 13th. He was a member of the 105th Medical Regiment from the city.

PLAYGROUNDS TO OPEN HERE NEXT MONDAY

Joe Talley Will Have Charge Of Project For Summer Months

Four city playgrounds will open next Monday morning at 8:30, under the supervision of Joe Talley, principal of the city junior high school. The same playgrounds will be operated this year that were maintained under last year's program, including those at Central School, Bunker Hill, Patterson and Rosemary, and the colored school at Chaloner Park.

The Rosemary swimming pool is expected to open within a few days, depending upon time required by workmen to complete repairs. Playground hours will be from 8:30 to 10:30 A. M., and from 2 to 4 in the afternoon. Present plans are for the pool to be open from 11 to 12 in the morning for children who have obtained tickets from the playgrounds, and from 2 to 5 o'clock afternoon for the general public.

The following playground workers have been selected: For boys: Frank Hawley, Jr., Sanford Brown, Adres Fisher, Buck Rose, Richard Wilson, Jack Wrenn, Kenneth Hiley and Oliver Bray; for girls: Marie Harbour, Mary Louise Martin, Virginia Lee Thorne, Elizabeth Beckwith and Margaret Taylor.

Wife Unable Explain Tragedy; Apparently Not In Any Trouble

James "Buddy" Putney, colored man in his early thirties, committed suicide at his home in the Lincoln Heights colored section of the city last night by firing a shot gun into his head. Reports are to the effect he fired the shot about 10 o'clock, practically blowing away his skull, but he breathed until 1:35 o'clock this morning, at Roanoke Rapids Hospital where neighbors took him.

Both his wife and his mother were unable to give an explanation as to the cause of the act. His wife reports that he came in from work yesterday afternoon as usual, and was obviously under the hallucination that "the law was after him." She reported to officers that he acted strangely all evening. They retired shortly before 10 o'clock, she says, and soon afterward he got up out of his bed and grabbed a shotgun stating that someone was after his hogs in the backyard. He ran from the house a short distance into the backyard, and his wife heard the gun discharge soon thereafter.

Upon investigating the shot she found he had shot himself, and with the help of neighbors brought him to the hospital where he died at 1:35 o'clock this morning. It is said that doctors married.
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BIG NOISE IS UNEXPLAINED

Blast Is Heard Over Wide Area Tuesday Morning At 4:30

A big noise, resembling that of an explosion or earth tremor, was heard over a wide area in Eastern North Carolina, and parts of Southside Virginia about 4:30 a. m. on Tuesday morning, and is as yet unexplained.

Reports are to the effect that the noise was heard as far south as Washington, N. C. (more than 100 air miles from here) and was not as distinct in Emporia and other points in Virginia.

Rumors were rife in Roanoke Rapids throughout the day Tuesday as to the possible cause, but so far no authoritative explanation has been advanced.