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## GNUSE AGAIN IS RED CROSS HEAD

lined the proposed blood program.

Explaining that whole blood is being used more and more by physicians, Mr. Dibrell said that Asheville has been approved, at the request of the Buncombe County Medical society, by the national Red Cross at a No. 1 blood center, to serve 21 Western North Carolina counties, and that representative of the Red Cross chapters in those counties will meet in Asheville today (Thursday) to determine if they wish to cooperate. The blood program, he added, will be taken into no county without the approval of the county medical society, or, if there is no society, of doctors, hospitals, and other groups.

Under the plan, he said, blood will be taken from donors in cooperating counties, and assigned by the blood center to the various hospitals. After 21 days, unused blood will be collected from the hospitals and processed into plasma.

In Macon County he estimated that the program would require the "bleeding" of 50 to

75 donors four times a year. A total of 15,000 pints are needed in Western North Carolina, a survey has shown, the speaker said.

He commented that, at the Atlanta center, provision has been made for segregating the blood of Negro and white donors. He added, however, that during the eight months the center has been in operation no Negro has donated blood.

The financial report, read by Mrs. Mary Jo Sloan in the absence of finance chairman J. H. Stockton, showed, \$3,053.00 raised in the fund campaign, of which \$1,216.34 went to the national organization, and the remainder was kept in the local treasury. It showed a balance on hand, as of September 30, of \$2,980 in securities, and \$1,781.67 cash in bank.

R. E. McKelvey, reporting on home service, said aid was rendered in the cases of 295 men in the armed service, 231 veterans, and 60 civilians.

Mrs. Sloan described some typical cases that come to the Red Cross office, and how the Red Cross serves as liaison between the armed forces and other agencies of the federal government, on the one hand, and service men and veterans and their families, on the other.

Mrs. Gladys Kinsland reported that the Junior Red Cross is organized in every school in the county, adding that the school children have shown keen interest in the work, especially in filling boxes

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## WILD LIFE AREA GRAZING TO END ON DECEMBER 31

ing season which ended August 31 saw 621 fishermen enjoy their sport within this management area. A total of 3441 trout were checked in by these sportsmen."

The decision was made, the letter concluded, "in an effort to carry out the general policy laid down for the Forest Service: 'Where conflicting interests must be reconciled, the question will always be decided from the standpoint of the greatest good to the greatest number in the long run.'"

for overseas boys and girls.

S. C. Russell, reporting for the Highlands branch, explained how that branch works with the county organization and with the Franklin office.

Careless use of matches and smoking materials is the greatest cause of fire in the United States, accounting for 29.26 per cent of all fires of known causes.

Fitting a collar to a new work animal, whether it is purchased or raised, should be done by testing with different size collars till one is found that fits.

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## 82 COUNTIES SPEND MORE FOR HEALTH

the percentage born outside a hospital was 35.17. Among the 100 counties, Macon ranked 72nd in per cent of live births that occurred without such facilities.

In one county (Hyde) in 1947 the majority of live births did not even have the attendance of a physician, and in a score of other counties the proportion of births without such attendance was between one third to nearly one half.

A physician was in attendance at 387 of the Macon births, but 55 had only the attention of a midwife and 17 had other or unknown attendance, records show. In the same year the county had a total of 14 infant deaths and one maternal death.

Of the infant deaths, three occurred in a hospital and 11 outside a hospital or in circumstances unknown. A physician was in attendance at 12 of the deaths and the remaining two had no attention of a physician or occurred in circumstances unknown.

The sole maternal death took place in a hospital.

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## PTA BeBenefit Program Draws 150, Nets \$187

ing of the Franklin Parent-Teacher association, marked by a lecture, illustrated with motion pictures, on India. The speaker was Premade Goswami, Indian who is in this county studying.

A number of reports also were heard.

A group of Mrs. Flanagan's pupils led the audience in singing, and Bergen Hall, high school student, gave the devotional. Mrs. Elsie A. Banks' second grade room won the attendance prize.

Mrs. C. N. Dowdle, president, presided.

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