

## Over Two Hundred Volunteering Blood

### Ask More Donors For Bloodmobile Here March 31st

#### Appointments Being Mailed To Those Who Signed Pledge Cards

More than two hundred persons in this area are planning to meet the Red Cross Bloodmobile when it makes its first run to Williamston on Friday of this week, according to Recruiters V. J. Spivey and Wheeler Manning. It was pointed out, however, that the number of volunteers is running about thirty or thirty-five short of the need, and it is hoped that at least that many will report to the center at the Legion Hut on South Watts Street here Friday, March 30, between the hours of 10:00 a. m. and 3:00 p. m.

The Martin County Chapter of the Red Cross is being asked to contribute at least 175 pints of blood on Friday. There have been more than 200 volunteers, but it is explained that no blood will be taken from anyone if the volunteer is not in good health. It does not necessarily mean that one is sick if the blood is not accepted, for one could have low or high blood pressure which is normal for the individual, but the Red Cross has a rule by which donors are accepted. The volunteer is checked, the examination revealing in some cases an illness unknown to the person. In other words, the donor gets a free but of course a limited medical examination. The blood is taken with very little pain to the donor.

While this chapter has contributed no blood to the regional bank in Norfolk, much blood has been drawn from the bank for patients right here in the chapter during recent weeks on the strength of the plan to have this chapter participate in the program.

Appointments are being mailed to those signing pledge cards. Those who have not signed cards and who will give a pint of blood are asked to report at their convenience and they will be included in the schedule as quickly as possible.

Mayor Robt. H. Cowen is to give the first pint, beginning at 10:00 o'clock. The bloodmobile will teach here from Norfolk about 9:00 o'clock, but it will take the nurses, doctors and technicians

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## Dr. William Gray Leaving Shortly

Dr. William Gray, popular local dentist, is entering the armed services the latter part of this week. He is to report to the Marine base at Parris Island, South Carolina, Sunday.

The dentist closed his office in Martin General Hospital last Saturday.

Hospital authorities say they have been unable to replace him.

Dr. Jos. Ward of Robersonville entered the service last Thursday, reporting for duty at Camp Lejeune.

## Traveled Far To Make Short Visit

Love for home was well demonstrated last week-end when Pvt. Dalton Jones traveled all the way from his station at Camp Atterbury to spend a brief sixty minutes with his folks. He had hardly arrived when it was necessary for him to make ready for the return trip to Indiana, and it was one of those cases where he was almost telling folks goodbye while telling them hello.

Quite a few of the county boys were home for Easter, including Pvts. William Earl Crawford, William Heber Taylor, Henry Roberson, Willie Hunter Gardner, Bill Gurganus, and Garland Taylor from Camp Pickett, Va.

## Two Are Slightly Hurt In Highway Wrecks In County

### Property Damage Estimated At Between \$1,300 And \$1,500 Listed

Two persons were said to have been slightly injured in as many accidents on highways in the county during the week-end. Both accidents were on blacktop roads, reports from the State Highway Patrol Office in the county stating that traffic moved in large volume over the main highway routes without an accident during the Easter week-end.

In addition to wrecks on the Holly Springs-Farm Life Road and Temporary 171, there was a minor accident on the Williams-Bear Grass Road and one on Williamston's Washington Street Sunday morning.

Driving a 1947 Pontiac, John Manning, 31-year-old colored man of Griffins Township, lost control of the machine when he attempted to pass Farmer Henry G. Corey in a pick-up truck on the Holly Springs-Farm Life Road about 7:15 o'clock Sunday evening. Corey said that he turned off the road to the right shoulder when Manning tried to pass him in a curve. The Pontiac hit the left shoulder, coming to a stop 156 feet down the road after turning over once or twice. Manning made a wild dive, landing about 30 or 40 yards farther down the road, according to Patrolman M. F. Powers who made the investigation. Suffering a bad cut on his fingers and bruises, the victim was treated in a local hospital.

Annie Woolard, 40, a passenger in the car, was pinned between the steering wheel and the dash board, but suffered only a slight cut over the right eye. Damage to the car was estimated at between \$750 and \$1,000. The driver faces a charge of passing another vehicle on a curve.

Saturday evening at 9:10 o'clock James Grist, colored man of RFD 1, Chocowinity, was driving his 1941 Ford toward Jamesville on Highway 171 when the radius rod came loose, causing him to lose control of the machine. About three miles this side of the Martin-Beaufort boundary, the car hit the soft shoulder of the road and turned over, doing about \$500 damage to the car. Grist and his three companions were not hurt. Patrolman Powers said after making the investigation.

Accepts Position With Virginia Electric Here  
Mrs. John Grant has accepted a position as cashier for the Virginia Electric and Power Company in its offices here. A native of Scotland, Mrs. Grant was with the company in its offices at Newport News before locating here. Mr. Grant is also employed by the company.

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And even when congressional committees bring out sordid deals under direct questioning, these committees cannot carry through in most cases, and in other cases find that everything done has been technically legal. It's a case of attitude, or general disregard for the spirit of the law, by too many top government officials.

The President's enemies charge this is a natural result of so many political "payoff" appointments.

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## Former Local Boy Follows Hobby Despite Korean War

While many of his fellow students were chasing a good time, William E. (Buster) Old, former Williamston boy, was busy chasing butterflies, bugs and beetles, catching an occasional snake or frog as part of his nature study hobby. He was well advanced in zoology and biology before completing high school. He treated nature's creatures as friends, and it was nothing unusual for him to sneak his pets into the house and there tender them the best of care.

Two years were spent in college, and then on July 13 he decided to enter the armed services. It was thought that his nature studies would be sidetracked, but to and behold a recent report from war-torn Korea declares that Buster is still carrying on there despite war, highwater and subzero weather. The following story appeared in the Norfolk papers recently:

A Norfolk soldier has sent the Smithsonian Institution a collection of Korean reptiles he found in a bomb-blasted school while fighting in Korea.

The Institution announced today that Corp. William E. Old,

## Throngs Attend Religious Services In This County

The people in this county turned to religious worship Easter Sunday in great numbers, reports from most of the ministers said. While no one was turned away as a result of limited housing capacity, the churches were literally packed. In some churches the crowd dwindled sharply before the day was spent, but in others the attendance held a high figure until the last service was concluded.

More than five hundred attended the sunrise service in Williamston's Woodland Cemetery Sunday, and several hundred were present for the special service in Tice Community Cemetery at the same time.

Attendance upon the Sunday schools sessions pushed well above the 250 mark in a number of instances.

The religious activities of the day were accompanied by Easter

finery. Weather conditions, except for a chilly atmosphere, were almost perfect, and it was a glorious day.

Easter worship climaxed religious meetings in several churches in the county, and marked the beginning of several special events in others.

Seventy members were added to the Everetts Baptist Church Sunday night, it was announced. Simultaneous revivals are now under way in Williamston where Rev. Guy Moore of Wilmington is preaching in the Memorial Baptist Church, and Rev. Howard Knight of Rocky Mount is preaching in the West End Baptist Church. Rev. E. C. Stewart is preaching in the Hamilton Baptist Church. Rev. Ralph Ferguson, the pastor is conducting a meeting in the Robersonville Baptist Church, and Evangelist Bill Liverman is preaching in the Piney Grove Baptist Church.

## Review Of Recent Happenings In the Nation's Capital

### Scandal Stories Running Wild; UMT Believed Close To Passage

Congressional leaders on both sides of the Capitol left Washington for the Easter holidays at home convinced a compromise draft bill would emerge soon after sessions are resumed. The general opinion seems to be that the age limit will be set at eighteen and a half, and that reservists now in service will be given short terms of service. Draftees, however, will probably get slightly longer terms of service, probably 24 months.

UMT seems closer to passage now than at any time since the Korean fighting began. Also, the standards of induction will probably be lowered, so that in the 19-25 age group, current rejectees may be subject to recall for active duty. Many congressmen have complained that draft standards are set too high, and that deferments have been too easily obtained, especially in our largest cities.

These congressmen think the armed services could get sufficient manpower by closing the gaps in these two directions, without having to draft the eighteen-year-olds. The main opposition to the drafting of eighteen-year-olds developed in the house Armed Forces committee. The Senate agreed to the 18-year age limit, but the house is forcing a compromise.

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## Loses Big Toe In Tractor Accident

John Whitley, local farmer, lost the big toe from his left foot in a tractor accident on the Whitley farm near here last Thursday afternoon. The young man caught his foot in the hydraulic lift, mashing it so badly that surgeons at Martin General Hospital found it necessary to remove the toe at the joint.

Working alone about mile from the house, Whitley unfastened his foot and drove the tractor to the house where he transferred to a pick-up truck and drove to the hospital, almost collapsing upon arrival there.

## Make Final Plans For Bloodmobile

Assisted by Miss Margaret Margrave of the Tidewater Regional Blood Bank, volunteers of the Red Cross are today making final arrangements for handling the Bloodmobile here on Friday of this week.

A canteen will be opened at the hut and blood donors will be served a light meal, it is planned. The visit is the first for the Bloodmobile to this chapter, and the committee is making every effort to expedite

## Budget Calls For \$303,000,000.00 In Next Biennium

### General Fund Budget Being Placed Before Joint Committee Today

A general fund budget calling for spending of \$42,000,000 more than the \$303,000,000 recommended by the Advisory Budget Commission for the next biennium is being presented to the Joint Appropriations Committee today.

This will be included in the report of the sub-committee named exactly three weeks ago to go over the general fund recommendations plus some \$80,000,000 in additional requests. This sub-committee will recommend to the full committee that the extra money be used to:

Pay teachers a salary scale of \$2,200 to \$3,100 for A grade teachers.

Restore merit pay raises to state employees.

Give the state employees a cost-of-living pay raise scaled according to income—higher, percentage-wise, for the lowest paid.

Give some help in deducting the teacher load.

Raise generally appropriations for general expenses of institutions and agencies because of higher prices caused by inflation. Add some money to permanent improvements.

And generally boost appropriations for the agricultural agencies.

The sub-committee finished its work last week and House Appropriations Committee Chairman Larry Moore said that the report has been printed and will be presented to the full committee today.

Meantime, the House wrangled over a bill that would change the requirements of evidence in regard to motor vehicle accidents. It was introduced by Rep. Marion Parrot of Lenoir and would establish as a matter of fact that the driver of a vehicle was acting as the agent of the owner of the vehicle when the vehicle was involved in an accident.

Rep. Sam Worthington of Pitt argued that the bill made a man guilty until proved innocent, but supporters of the bill claimed this was not so.

The bill passed the House by a large majority, on voice vote.

Other House bills passed called for:

Appointment of a commission to study advisability of uniform court costs in motor vehicle cases in inferior courts.

Boost weight and length limits for buses equipped with three axles.

Outlaw sale of corn at night.

Provide for optional non-participating memberships in tobacco boards of trade.

A scheduled hearing on the Hamilton bill, putting Judge Luther Hamilton of Morehead City back on the retirement pay roll, was called off last week by the House Committee on Courts and Judicial Districts when a quorum of the committee failed to show up for the session.

New House bills introduced in the House included ones to:

Extend the supplementary teacher pay raise of the current biennium to vocational teachers, principals and superintendents.

Establish a minimum retirement allowance of \$50 per month for teachers with 30 years of

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## Makes Final Appeal For Red Cross Fund

### FISHERY

Despite unfavorable weather conditions, large crowds, taking advantage of the Easter holiday, visited the county's fishing capital, Jamesville yesterday. Operations at the plant were blocked after three hauls were made with the seine on account of the wind and strong water, but there was fish to spare in the Ruritan Club's kitchen where many were served during the day.

Cold weather forced the cooks to move from out-door kitchens on the bluffs of the Roanoke to the school cafeteria where choice fish, expertly prepared, were served.

## Man Believed To Have Drowned In Roanoke Saturday

### Thomas Mason, 60, Missing Since 4:00 O'Clock That Afternoon

Thomas (Boll Weevil) Mason, about sixty years of age, is believed to have lost his life in the Roanoke River late last Saturday afternoon.

Mason, coming here from Beaufort County about thirty years ago, was last seen near Sweet Water Creek where it empties into the river about 4:00 o'clock that afternoon by Leslie Long, a Tarboro man who was camping on the banks of the Roanoke over the week-end. Long was quoted as saying that he talked with Mason at a fishing machine near the creek. Long cranked up his motor and Mason cranked his up and followed with the intention of stopping along the way to fish a net. Mason was not seen after that time, but about two hours later the empty boat was found floating down the river near Jordan's landing, about five miles below the point where the creek empties into the river.

There was no gas in the tank, and the cap had been taken off. It is believed that Mason, said to have been intoxicated, fell out of the boat when he was checking the gas tank.

A search was made that night but no trace of the man could be found, and it is fairly certain that he fell out and drowned.

If the body is found it'll be by accident, for the strong current could take it into Albemarle Sound within a few hours. However, it isn't likely that the body has surfaced yet, and there is no one spot to look for it.

Taking Fisherman Geo. Hardison's boat without permission, Mason is believed to have gone down the river, looking for more liquor. He was wearing boots and a special oil skin suit.

Mason was in World War I and was badly wounded in battle. He worked with the town sanitary and street departments for some time, but with a monthly pension coming in, he was not gainfully employed all the time. He is survived by his wife, Annie Mason.

Surviving besides her son here are a daughter, Mrs. R. C. Etheridge of Richmond, and two sons, Naubert A. Goodman of Dillon, S. C., and Troy A. Goodman, U. S. Army Air Force, Panama City, Fla.; four grandchildren; and three sisters, all of Columbia.

Funeral services will be conducted by her pastor in the Pennington-Smith Funeral Home in Raleigh Wednesday afternoon and interment will be in Montlaw Cemetery there.

## Martin County Yams Get Recognition In Washington

### Assistant County Agent By J. W. Sumner

When Mr. Frank Jeter was in Martin County for the Sweet Potato Contest awards presentation, he suggested that Martin County Potatoes should be given publicity in Washington, D. C. At his suggestion a bushel of Drippin' Honey Yams were sent by the Martin County Yam Growers Association to Mr. Lester A. Schlup, Chief, Division of Extension Information, Washington, D. C.

In a few days the following letter was received:

"J. W. Sumner, Assistant County Agent  
Williamston, North Carolina  
Dear Mr. Sumner:  
The sweets came in and they look as if they adequately reflect the glories of North Carolina soil and farming ability and the generosity of its people. Since they just arrived, we haven't had an opportunity to taste them, but I couldn't refrain from writing you immediately to express our appreciation. With best wishes and many thanks, I am  
Sincerely yours,  
Lester A. Schlup, Chief  
Division of Extension Information"

Similar praises have been received wherever Martin County Drippin' Honey Yams have gone.

## Drive About \$700 Short Of Its Goal For This Chapter

### Chairman Hopeful Late Contributions Will Bring Up The Slack

Pointing out that need was greater now than at any time since the last war, Chairman John Henry Edwards today issued a final appeal today for support of the Red Cross Fund Drive now nearing its close in this chapter.

"We have hardly collected enough to finance the operation of the newly scheduled bloodmobile coming here for the first time on Friday of this week," Mr. Edwards said. Other demands on the organization are growing as a result of the war, it was pointed out, an unless late contributions are better than expected, the drive will fall below its quota and services will have to be curtailed some where along the line.

Since the last report, \$615 was added to the amount, pushing the total to approximately \$3,000, leaving the drive about \$1,057 short of the minimum quota of \$4,057. Chairman Edwards said that the colored citizens in Williamston expecting to raise \$500, had only about \$300 or \$325 in hand to report late today. With the \$325 held by Principal Hayes, the amount will still fall below the quota by about \$700, it was explained.

Williams Township came through with \$68.61 and Griffins Township reported \$235.25, the two areas going above the average and the amounts reflected some hard work on the part of the canvassers there.

Good reports also came in from the Burroughs and Dardens school areas, Chairman Edwards stating that Dardens had raised and reported \$64.25 and Burroughs raised \$23.05.

There are a few more individual canvassers to report, and most of the colored schools have not yet submitted their reports, it was explained. But they are hardly expected to overcome the deficit now looming fairly large. The chairman and his co-chairman, H. P. Mobley, are asking those who did not see the canvassers when they were making their rounds to make a contribution now.

## Mother Of Local Man Died Today

Mrs. Hattie Bryant Goodman, mother of R. H. Goodman of Williamston, died in a Raleigh hospital this morning at 1:00 o'clock of a heart attack. She had been in declining health for some time, but was getting along very well until she suffered a heart attack, the end coming a short time later.

Mrs. Goodman was born in Columbia, S. C., 74 years ago and spent her early life there. She was married to Alexander H. Goodman who died in 1934. For a number of years she had made her home in Raleigh where she was active in religious service until declining health forced her retirement.

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## Entered Hospital Last Friday For Treatment

Calvin Ayers, Bear Grass farmer, after leaving Brown's Hospital on Monday of last week, suffered a relapse at his home last Friday and was returned to the hospital that day. He was reported to have rested very well last night, but it was reported that he continues seriously ill.