

Start Recruiting For Regional Blood Bank

Red Cross Asking For 300 Recruits On December 13th

Recruiters Say Prospects Encouraging For Third Bloodmobile Visit

Working to meet a declared emergency, Red Cross Recruiters started this week to sign up three hundred recruits for the bloodmobile when it makes its third visit to this county on Thursday, December 13. Early reports from the recruiters were said to have been very encouraging.

Quotas have been tentatively accepted in each of the townships in the Martin County Red Cross Chapter as follows: Jamesville, 40; Griffins, 30; Williams, 15; Bear Grass, 30; and Williamston, 185. On the two previous trips, the 314 blood donors came from the five districts, as follows: Jamesville, 10; Williams, 10; Farm Life, 20; Bear Grass, 21; and Williamston, 247. There were six donors who came in from outside the chapter, declaring that they wanted to help.

On its first visit to the county last March, the bloodmobile, operated out of the Tidewater Blood Center in Norfolk, collected 186 pints of blood. On its second visit, only 128 pints were collected. The weather was extremely hot in July when the second visit was made and people were busy.

Recruiters Bill Spivey and Wheeler Manning are confident that 300 and even more can be recruited for the third visit next month.

It has been pointed out that blood is taken only from those who are physically fit to donate it. Many persons have given gallons of blood and have felt no ill effect. Very little pain is occasioned when blood is taken from the veins, and, in the final analysis, it is up to the individual to decide if he or she will act to meet a growing need and at the current time, an emergency.

Home Destroyed By Fire Thursday

Fire, believed to have started from a defective flue, destroyed the home owned by R. S. Critcher and occupied by the James Wiggins family on Washington Street, just across the way from the Williamston Peanut Company plant, Thursday morning at 10:00 o'clock. Very few of the contents were saved, the fire threatening the lives of the mother and two children and destroying virtually all contents, including an humble Thanksgiving dinner. The father was at work at a lumber mill when the fire started.

The mother said the fire started in the kitchen, that it spread so rapidly that she had to run through fire to get out. By the time an alarm was sounded, the fire could be traced by smoke.

Buildings on either side of the four-room house were damaged by fire and smoke, and it looked at one time if a sizable section of the block would be wiped out before firemen could check it.

It was learned that the house had much timber in it and that the rooms had been papered over paper several times, making the structure like a powder house. The mother said the fire could have burned no more rapidly had it been saturated with gasoline.

No insurance was carried on the contents. No report could be had immediately as to the amount of the damage or if insurance was carried on the house.

TOY COLLECTION

Successfully sponsoring an annual Christmas party for needy tots, the local Jaycees are again calling upon local people for their support in making the 1951 edition even more successful.

A collection of discarded yet serviceable toys will be made Sunday afternoon from 12 until 5:00 o'clock. Any one who can spare a toy, is asked to place it on the front porch where the Jaycees will pick it up Sunday afternoon.

Superior Court In Recess Until Monday Morning

Few Cases Cleared from the Calendar First Three Days of Term

After clearing comparatively few cases from the calendar and continuing a number of others, the Martin County Superior Court ordered a Thanksgiving recess shortly before noon Wednesday. Judge W. H. S. Burgwyn will open the second of the two-week term next Monday morning. Only civil cases are being heard during the recess.

Proceedings not previously reported: In the case of William and Harry S. Peel and Margaret P. Davis against H. M. Peel and Wells-Oates Lumber Company, the jury awarded the plaintiffs a judgment in the sum of \$306.52, and enjoined the defendant from cutting or removing any timber from the 285-acre Winberry farm near Hamilton except to make necessary repairs or improvements, and then only when authorized by court order.

Asking for \$152.50, Claude B. Savage was awarded a judgment in the sum of \$42.50 in his case against Herman Manning.

In the case of James Lilley against L. A. Glisson, in which the plaintiff was asking \$5,175 damages as a result of an automobile accident on the highway from Butler's Bridge, the jury found that the defendant was not negligent, and nothing was recovered. A similar finding was recorded in the \$1,351 damage suit brought by George H. Leggett against the same defendant.

In the case of J. G. Rogers against D. M. Roberson, the Roberson Packing Company was made a defendant by order of the court. The case of Fred Greer against Roberson Packing Company was settled by agreement.

Hold Funeral For Mrs. Rillie Wynne

Funeral services were conducted at the home near Bear Grass Wednesday afternoon at 2:30 o'clock for Mrs. Rillie Terry Wynne who died there early last Tuesday morning after three weeks of critical illness. She was a faithful member of the Rose of Sharon Free Will Baptist Church, and her pastor, the Rev. C. D. Hamilton conducted the rites. Burial was in the Terry family cemetery near the home.

The daughter of the late George R. and Betty Mizelle Terry, she was born 70 years ago in the Bear Grass Community and spent all her life there, marrying William O. Wynne in early womanhood.

Surviving are four sons, J. D. and W. O. Wynne, Jr., of the Bear Grass Community, Garland Wynne of near Robersonville and John L. Wynne of Everett; three daughters, Mrs. Stancel Jenkins of the Oak Grove Community of Pitt County, Mrs. Coon Cowan of Bear Grass Community, and Mrs. Marvin Farmer of near Stokes; 23 grandchildren; four great-grandchildren; two brothers, N. C. Terry of St. Paul's and Lonnie D. Terry of Bear Grass; and two sisters, Mrs. Maggie Whitehurst of Leggett's Crossroads and Mrs. Bessie Cowan of the Bear Grass Community.

Identify Headless Body As That Of Former Resident

Relatives Advised That No Leads Been Established In Brutal Murders

Funeral services are being held Friday afternoon at 2:30 at the graveside in the Providence Methodist Church Cemetery near Chocowinity for Walter E. Barr, local man, who was brutally murdered near Norfolk on or about the 3rd of last month. The Rev. Mr. Nickens will conduct the rites. A companion, Mrs. Mamie Smithwick, a native of Washington and a resident of Norfolk for a few months, was found murdered last October 6.

Barr's headless body was found last Tuesday not more than 200 yards from the spot where his head was found on November 10 and hardly fifteen feet from a heavily traveled road. The legs were wrapped around a tree stump and the body was in an advanced state of decomposition. It was sent to Richmond where it was identified by medical examiners. An arm break, suffered in an accident seventeen years ago, was found and the torso fitted the head, one report said.

An examination of the body's clothing revealed nothing of any consequence. The pockets produced only a handkerchief, finger nail clipper and approximately 70 cents in change, Boldin said.

Tuesday's find was made by J. D. C. Rockefeller, of 214 Lenox Avenue; C. K. Rockefeller, 318 Warren Street, and J. K. Kearns, of RFD 2, Lynnhaven, who were bird hunting at the time.

When police combed the area unsuccessfully after Barr's head was found, County Police Chief J. E. Moore prophesied that the body would be located as soon as the hunting season opened. Tuesday was the opening day.

His widow, Mrs. Elizabeth Howard Barr, Mr. Furney Howard and Mr. and Mrs. Gurney Howard and son, William, visited Norfolk Wednesday and talked with the authorities. Relatives were advised at that time that there had been no new developments in running down the brutal murderer, but that everything possible was being done to solve the mystery, described as one of the most baffling ever to confront police there.

Jamesville Board Gets Endorsement

When sixty-five Jamesville citizens went into superior court this week, asking for a town election, the defendants, L. W. Hardison, mayor, and James Long and L. H. Hardison, board members, offered a paper, purporting to show that the official family was satisfactory and that no change was necessary.

The endorsement was signed by the following 74 citizens: Clara Bell, Lillie B. Currie, Luther Clark, Doris Bedwell, Sally Merritt, Mary H. Godard, Elbert Davenport, W. E. Stevenson, Edna Stevenson, Maud Mizelle, Jimmie Price, Mrs. W. R. Price, Mrs. Luther Clark, James W. Bedwell, Robert G. Tucker, Frances Williams, F. C. Williams, Buck Goddard, Wilton L. Godard, Sarah H. Godard, Sallie Gaines, Martha A. Hardison, Myrtle Girvin, E. T. Bedwell, Mrs. Mary E. Holliday, L. H. Hardison, Lucia Long, Edwin Lilley, Myrtle Lilley, Mrs. Bryant Reason, Mrs. Herbert Williams, Mrs. Eunice Williams, Carroll Williams, W. J. Holliday, Jr., Mrs. Annie L. Holliday, S. H. Holliday, Pattie Holliday, Mrs. S. H. Holliday, J. H. Mizelle, J. E. Smithwick, Billy Clark, Henry Girvin, J. K. Martin, E. L. Martin, Mrs. R. E. Holliday, R. E. Holliday, W. W. Holliday, Mildred E. Martin, J. D. Mizelle, R. C. Sexton, Mrs. R. C. Sexton, Mrs. H. A. Sexton, Mrs. Geo. Baker, Mrs. C. Davenport, Albert Martin, Marie Martin, Glen Currie, J. Earnie Gardner, Mrs. Louise Gardner, Esta Martin, Mrs. Thos. Martin, Minnie M. Hardison, Mrs. G. C. Beard, Oliver P. Wolfe, Mrs. Gene Bedwell, Melba Martin, Mrs. R. O. Martin, Mrs. L. H. Hardison, Albert Williams, Golder H. Barber and R. O. Mobley.

Second County Man Loses His Hand In Corn Picker

Mark Bunting, young farmer of the Oak City area, had his right hand torn off in a corn picker on the Roy Edmondson farm about four miles from Oak City last Monday afternoon. He was the second young farmer in this county to have lost a hand in a corn picker in less than a week. E. H. Manning, Jr., Griffins Township farmer, lost his left hand in a picker last Saturday under almost identical conditions. Manning is getting along very well in a local hospital where the hand was amputated at the wrist.

Mr. Bunting, son of Mr. and Mrs. Joe Bunting, was clearing out stalks that had choked the machine when he got his hand

caught in it. A colored boy was near him, but the lad, knowing little about the machinery, only stopped the tractor after the trial and error method. The machine was backed up to free the victim, one report stating that it had lifted him bodily from the ground just before the tractor was stopped. Another report stated that the victim got into his car and drove to Oak City where he was picked up and carried to a Tarboro hospital. His hand was amputated at the wrist. Last reports from the hospital stated he was getting along as well as could be expected.

Mr. Bunting is married and they have one child.

GINNINGS

All but deserted in this county for a number of years, cotton came back into its own in Martin County this year. Compared with that in other areas, production is hardly more than a couple of drops in the bucket, but it is nearly six times greater this year than it was in 1950.

Answering the call for increased cotton production, Martin farmers had produced and ginned 1,557 bales of cotton up to the first of this month as compared with 273 bales ginned from the 1950 crop up to the first of November, 1950, according to a report just released by Jos. R. Norwood, district supervisor, U. S. Department of Commerce, Bureau of the Census.

Mail Seal Bonds Direct To Buyers

Mr. W. G. Peele, Seal Sale chairman advises that unless otherwise requested, purchasers of the Tuberculosis Health Bonds will not be solicited by personal contact this year. All bonds will be mailed to firms throughout Martin County just prior to the mailing of the little seals. This method was adopted out of consideration for the contributors who were generous and forbearing even though calls were, of necessity, made during business hours.

The bond sale is a large part of the Christmas Seal Sale and anyone purchasing a bond is entitled to as many seals as the dollars they spend. Purchasers are asked to use seals on all holiday mail and post the bond in a conspicuous place in order that everyone may see that the purchasers are taking part in a program vitally effecting the health and welfare of the community. Remember, 80 percent of all seal sale funds are spent right here in Martin County.

The 1951 Christmas Seal Campaign for \$3,000 is now officially underway and will continue through December 25. Mr. Peele says that every indication points to a successful drive, especially in view of the fact that a second free mass chest X-ray survey is planned for January, 1952 which will be partially supported by the Tuberculosis Committee of Martin County.

Approximately 350 letters containing Tuberculosis Bonds and 2500 appeal letters containing little Christmas Seals were mailed to firms and individuals throughout the County.

Santa Will Bring Favors For Kiddies November 28

Santa Claus is busy packing for his trip to Williamston next Wednesday afternoon at 4:00 o'clock. Al Sweatt, executive director of the Williamston Boosters, announced today. The jolly good fellow will distribute favors to all the little folks at that time, and pick up letters addressed to him. Santa will be met by the high school band, and hundreds of children are expected to greet him. The main street will be blocked to traffic from Smithwick to the Haughton Street stoplight, and Santa will establish temporary headquarters for only a few

Hamilton Native Died In Virginia Tuesday Evening

Funeral Held Thursday In Hamilton For Mrs. W. Herbert Everett

Mrs. Pauline Johnson Everett, a native of Hamilton, died at her home Tuesday evening at 9:20 o'clock in Portsmouth's Mary View Hospital, where she had been a patient. Undergoing an operation about two years ago, she had been in declining health since that time, her condition having been critical for several months.

The daughter of Mrs. Mary Edmondson Johnson and the late Henry S. Johnson, Sr., she was born December 18, 1908, and spent most of her life in Hamilton. After completing her education in the local schools, she attended a Raleigh business college and was associated with her father in the operation of Johnson-Matthews Company, Hamilton mercantile firm, for a number of years. Following her marriage to W. Herbert Everett five years ago, she located in Portsmouth, Va., where she made many friends and was active as a member of the South Street Baptist Church until declining health forced her retirement. She joined the Hamilton Baptist Church in early youth and was active in its service program and all worthwhile community undertakings there until she moved to the Virginia city. Mr. Everett died a year ago, last Friday.

Surviving besides her mother, are a sister, Mrs. Sidney Sitterson of Portsmouth; and one brother, Henry S. Johnson, Jr., member of the Martin County Board of Commissioners.

Funeral services were held in the Hamilton Baptist Church Thursday afternoon at 3:00 o'clock by the pastor, the Rev. E. R. Stewart, assisted by the Rev. N. W. Ellis, pastor of the church in Portsmouth. Interment was in the family plot in the Hamilton Cemetery.

Marriage Licenses Issued In County

Several marriage licenses were issued recently in this county to the following:

Robert T. Hardison of Jamesville and Thelma Coltrain of Williamston. James L. Cullipher of RFD 3, Williamston and Shirley Faye Davenport of Williamston.

New North-South Route Thirteen Is Facing Opposition

Ocean Highway Representative Says Route Will Not Invite Traffic

The plan to establish a new U. S. north-south highway route through this year is meeting with strong opposition in various areas from Elizabeth City right on down into South Carolina, according to a report just released by Henry Callahan of the Ocean Highway Association. It is now considered likely that the association will take concerted action to maintain the Ocean Highway against all comers.

Callahan declared that the association had spent considerable money and worked diligently to build up and maintain the Ocean Highway as one of the main north-south arteries, that while the association would not oppose any section in getting out and working up a new route, it did not consider infringement by the newly proposed extension of No. 13 just right.

"It is proposed to divide the traffic near Little Creek, divert it inland and then run it over the Ocean Highway for about thirteen miles, shift it inland again and carry it through Lumberton into South Carolina, stopping it somewhere about Marion," Callahan said. "Now, if the proponents will go north, drum up more traffic and move it south and back over their own route, we could not complain," the Ocean Highway representative said.

It was pointed out that the association had spent a great deal of money making the Ocean Highway one of the main north-south routes, that the route is gaining on U. S. Nos. 1 and 301. Mr. Callahan was quoted as saying that, "The proposed No. 13 extension is hardly feasible over the type of roads it would be routed in many areas, that the roads would be torn to pieces under the heavy traffic, that millions of dollars would be required to condition them for heavy traffic."

It could not be learned if a hearing is to be held, but the Ocean Highway Association with headquarters in Wilmington, Delaware, will carry its case before the proper authorities, Callahan said.

The proposed extension of Route No. 13 has been endorsed by officials in a goodly number of counties and towns in this and other states.

Extension of U. S. Highway 13 was authorized this week by the American Association of State Highway Officials, according to unofficial information reaching here yesterday. However, No. 13 is being extended only as far south as Windsor at the present time, according to the unofficial report. No. 13, beginning in New England, is being extended from its present southern terminus at Bowers Hill, just west of Norfolk, to Windsor where it will form a junction with U. S. 17. From Bowers Hill it takes U. S. Routes 58

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Library Program For Local P.-T. A.

Miss Lissie Pearce, Elementary School Supervisor, and Miss Velma Collins, Librarian of Williamston High School, will discuss the building of the elementary school library up to standard requirements for a No. 1 rating at the November meeting of the Williamston Parents-Teachers Association to be held in the high school auditorium Monday evening, November 26, at 7:45 o'clock.

Misses Pearce and Collins will explain what the school itself is doing and suggest what the P.-T. A. and other organizations can do to help in the effort. Miss Mary Whitley is chairman of the program committee and J. D. Page is to be in charge of the Monday evening program.

Those who have not already joined the Parents-Teacher Association are urged to come prepared to join Monday evening as the membership committee will need to get its report off to state headquarters by December 1.

Jamesville Officials Submit Resignations

CROWD EXPECTED

Sponsoring a dance here next Monday night in the Planters' Warehouse, featuring Claude Thornhill, his piano and orchestra, the Williamston Jaycees are making special arrangements to care for the largest crowd ever to attend a dance here, it was announced today.

Thornhill and his band were featured by Look Magazine, national publication, as the band of the year.

Two Pianists In Concert Climax Tuesday Evening

Event Rated Best In Series Offered By Community Concert Group

With a brilliant display of pianistic fireworks by the two Teltchick brothers, Alfred and Herbert, the first in 1951-52 series of the Martin County Community Concert Association concerts was given Tuesday evening in the Williamston High School Auditorium.

The first part of the concert consisted primarily of the more serious type music, featuring works by Bach, Brahms, Milhaud, Rachmaninoff and Strauss. The last number before the intermission was an arrangement of Strauss waltzes, and, like the earlier part of the program, was expertly played by the two Texas brothers.

Following the intermission, the first work on the program was the "Rondo Capriccioso" by Mendelssohn. Following this were two compositions by Debussy; the "Danse Infernale," from the "Fire Bird Suite," by Stravinsky; the "Galop," from "Masquerade," by Khachaturian; "La Comparsa," by Lucuona and Liszt's "Hungarian Rhapsody, No. 2." These numbers completed the planned part of the concert.

Being brought back on stage by over-whelming applause, the Teltchicks proceeded with a program of encores which left the audience spellbound, always asking for "just one more," and undoubtedly leaving the magic fingers of the pianists, virtually exhausted.

After bow was taken and the six encore numbers came in this order: "Jamaican Rhumba," Khachaturian's "Sabre Dance," "Brazil," Cole Porter's "Begin the Beguine," "Malgueua" and De Falla's "Ritual Fire Dance." All the encores were dazingly performed and the concert by the two pianists finished just as strong at the end, as it was when it started.

Music lovers attending the concert Tuesday evening most certainly had a "field day" at this first concert of the season, and if succeeding ones prove enjoyable, the concert is assured of a permanent "berth" in Williamston.

The next, and second, concert of the season will be on January 25, 1952, with Michael Rhodes, baritone.—Reported.

"Care For Korea" Drive Nears End

The care for Korea Drive will end this week with right good success. Many donations, though small, have been cheerfully given because the givers wanted to share in the "Care" of those suffering people.

Williamston has about been covered but the Home Demonstration reports are not yet in so no estimate can be given at this time on the size of the collection.

The Jamesville Woman's Club is making a concerted drive to raise a certain quota and it is practically assured that they will go over the top. This club which has not been organized but a short while, is giving this drive a great concern.

Special Election Will Be Held As Soon As Possible

No Provision Made for the Retiring Officers To Receive Pay

Jamesville's present officers—Leslie W. Harrison, mayor, and Luther Hugh Hardison and James Long, commissioners voluntarily resigned their posts at a hearing in the Martin County Superior Court Wednesday morning, paying the way for a special election in which a mayor and five commissioners are to be selected by ballot.

The case, carried into court by sixty-five citizens as plaintiffs and calling for an election, reached a surprise climax when the officials tendered their resignations and made no objection to a special election, the defendants declaring that they had no desire to serve the town except by the will of the people.

There was no evidence of animosity, the plaintiffs pointing out that they merely wanted an election, and the defendants explaining why no primary and general elections were held under a new law enacted in March, 1951, by the North Carolina General Assembly.

No judgment was drawn immediately in the case and no official record will be entered in the case before early next week. In accordance with instructions of the court, machinery will be set up for holding the special primary and general elections, that they are to be held as soon as possible. If the usual election procedure is followed, four weeks will be set aside for a registration of new electors before the primary with notice to follow, naming a date for the general town election.

Judge W. H. S. Burgwyn, gearing the pleadings, explained that he did not have the authority to determine the amount of remuneration, if any, for the officials, but intimated that it was up to the officials to determine the amount, if any.

The registrations, announced by the present officials, are to become effective only after due notice has been published in at least four public places in the town for ten days. Nothing was said about who is to administer the affairs of the town during the period from the date the resignations become effective and the time the new officials are duly inducted into office.

Judge Burgwyn, asking about (Continued on Page Eight)

Observe Holiday Without Accident

According to preliminary reports reaching here from law enforcement officers and the highway patrol, Thanksgiving Day was observed without an accident on the streets and highways and in fields and woods. The day was marred for one family when fire wiped out its home and just about all its earthly belongings.

Hunters reported from fair to good luck, a few getting nothing while others shot the limit.

With the exception of a few mills, business came to a definite halt in the town, but farmers taking advantage of perfect weather conditions, were busy with the peanut harvest.

Crime was rampant in parts of the nation, but only three arrests were made in this county during the day. Harvey C. Boyd was murdered in his home near Chocowinity and Mrs. Boyd was kidnapped but unhurt by Lafayette Miller, 23-year-old Negro on parole from a burglary sentence. Patrolmen, making a light and license inspection in Pitt County, stopped Miller to check his driver's license and heard Mrs. Boyd scream. She was in the trunk of the car. Miller was removed to State's prison, Raleigh.