# Making Last Call For Blood Donors To Report To Red Cross Bloodmobile CenterIn Legion Hut Here Tomorrow

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### **ESTABLISHED** 1899

**Plans To Attack** 

Jailer Roy Peel

**Convicted Robbers Sawed** 

One Bar Half In Two Be-

fore Detected Tuesday

Martin County jail, apparently

carrying serious intentions, was

toiled by officers late Tuesday

Tried in the superior court earl-

ier in the day and sentenced to

prison for not less than four and

not more than six years, two

young white boys formerly in the

night.

An attempted break from the

## Superior Court **Closed Term At Noon Yesterday**

Few Persons Present For Last Proceedings; Three **Divorces Are Granted** 

Completing its work at noon yesterday, the Martin County Superior Court folded its tent and quietly stole away.

Sixteen criminal cases were cleared from the docket, including several stubborn drunken driving actions. Eight cases were continued for one reason or another, the list including murder charges against Gus Andrews and Castannie Sutton. Andrews is at liberty under \$300 bond. The Sutton woman's bond, fixed at \$5,000 when she was arrested, was lowered by court order yesterday. but that amount was not raised and the defendant continued in jail. Her trial, delayed on account of the illness of a material witness, is now slated to be called in March.

Proceedings not previously re ported:

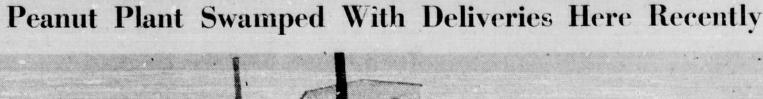
Frank Ottis Ussery, charged with drunken driving, was found not guilty in one of the comparatively few cases reaching the jury.

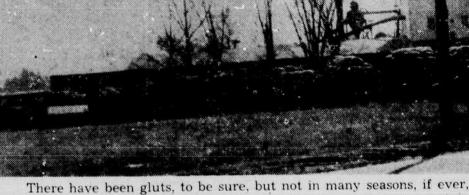
Pleading guilty of receiving goods alleged to have been stolen, G. B. Whitfield was sentenced to the roads for two years. The road term was suspended upon tacted the Blood Donor Recruitcosts, and the defendant goes on probation for three years.

drunken driving case The against Burtis C. Nelson was continued

Robert A. Wzorek and Robt. Swanke, the two young boys who broke into and robbed Harris Brothers' filling station near Williamston last October, pleaded guilty ,and were sentenced to prison for not less than four and not more than six years. The two lads, one from Missouri and the other from New Jersey, tried to saw their way out of jail late last night, but they made little progress.

Grover Barber, charged with ar. assault with a deadly weapon





have peanuts moved to the Williamston market in greater volume than they have during the past two weeks At one time last week there were as many as thirty large trucks waiting at the plant of the Williamston Peanut Company to have their large cargoes unloaded. Farmers have been asked to slow down the deliveries, and a limitation on grading service schedules has been invoked by the government. Farmers are assur-

ed that there'll be a market for every bag with no sagging prices going into effect.



Up until shortly before noon today, one hundred and ainety persons had pledged to give blood when the Red **Cross** bloodmobile comes here tomorrow. The number falls about one hundred short of what the recruiters had hoped for, and means that the unit will collect hardly more than 150 or 160 pints of blood unless volunteers make impromptu visits to the center at the legion hut on Watts

Street between 10 a.m. and 4 p. m. Donors are asked to eat no food within three hours of the time they are to give

### **Grand Jury Files Quarterly Report In Superior Court**

#### Jury Instructed To Point **Out Needed Repairs** At County Home

County Grand Jury submitted away. Robert A. til next March with the ander- and removed to the third floor of standing that they are to be reit be necessary. Few special ses-

The jury was instructed to point out to the proper authorities re pairs needed at the county home. The report, filed over the name of R. E. Williams, foreman, reads in detail;

All bills of indictment presented were passed on by us. The report of the Justices of

U. S. Marine Corps, slipped two pieces of a ten-inch back saw blade into the jail, and had sawed about half way through one of the cell bars when they were aught Jailer Roy Peel found everything in order when he checked the jail at 9:00 o'clock that night Shortly before midnight he heard a noise in No. 12 cell and called Sheriff Holloman and town police. Removing their shoes, the officera Completing their work last moved quietly into the jail and Monday, members of the Martin caught the boys just sawing Wzorek, 19

year-old Bayonne, New Jersey the jail where they rested until officers could make arrangements to return them to prison, Wzorek to Gates County and Swanke to Central Prison in Raleigh.

Investigating the attempted break, officers said that the two boys had-torn a blanket into strips and tied them together. They had just about torn an iron brace from a bunk. The officers figured that they planned to saw their way out of the cell, take a stand by the cell block door, knock the jailer in the head as he

regular visit by the jailer would

Since the boys are already un-

der long prison sentences, offi-

cers said no charges would be

brought as a result of the at-

The two boys, convicted in Cra-

ven County for breaking and en-

ed to serve three to five years in

prison. They face similar counts

in two other counties. Judge Bone,

in pronouncing sentence here this

are to begin immediately, mean-

ing that the sentences will run

concurrently with those imposed

Swanke, wearing a little mus-

fore sentence was pronounced.

"We are a long way from home,

We are without friends here and

ing from three to five years, and

face counts in other counties,'

Swanke admitted. "When we com-

be early the next morning.

tempted jail break.

in Craven County.

**Investigate Possibility Of Replacing Burned Plant** 

# Wounded In Korea, Soldier Owner Expresses Making Preparations For Volunteers To Give Blood

A Martin County young man the Red Cross Blood Program has who has just returned from a played a big part in furnishing year's fighting in Korea has confront, and has saved many lives. It seems that if a man who has the payment of a \$200 fine and ment Committee here and volun- faced the enemy for a year, sufteered to donate a pint of blood at fered serious wounds, and is now the visit of the Bloodmobile here willing to give his blood for this

tomorrow

Mobley returned to his home in front should realize the impor-Hamilton for a thirty day leaves tance of this program, both for and immediately upon hearing of the people at home and the Armthe lagging drive for blood donors ed Services overseas. There is nate. Sgt. Mobley was wounded the Recruitment Committee and fighting.

in Korea. He further states that appointment.

**Can Be Erected** 

### **Decision Expected In** Next Two Weeks

Darkened when fire wrecked the huge plant of the Wells-Oates program that a lot of able bodied Sgt. 1st Class Edward Earl men and women here on the home lumber mill on East Main Street here late last Monday night, the

town's economic front was brightened a bit today when one of the company owners, B. H. Oates, was in this area he volunteered to do- still time to call any member of reported to have expressed the hope that a smaller but more modin both knees during the Korean get an appointment for the visit ern mill could replace the old one. tomorrow However, it was clearly pointed

Sgt. Mobley states that the sup- The bloodmobile will be at the out that no plans have been made ply of fresh blood for wounded Legion Hut on Watts Street from to build a new plant, that a decisoldiers in Korea is scarce and he 10:00 a. m. until 4:00 p. m., and sion hardly could be expected is glad to be able to be at home volunteers may report direct to within the next two or three and help furnish blood for his the center and donate a pint of weeks. It goes without saying that comrades who are still fighting blood even though they have no the approximately 85 former employes at the mill, the fifty or sixty others depending upon its

business.

**Achievement Day** 

4-H Club members from all

Dr. J. W. Williams, County, losis Association and the N. C. Health Officer, has announced State Board of Health. Everyone blood for members on the fighting Town Anxiously Awaiting the arrival of Flay W. Sellers, 15 years of age and older will health educator, with the N. C. have an opportunity to get this State Board of Health and Miss Free Chest X-ray in an effort to Iris Turlington, secretary, to be- control tuberculosis. Greater emgin promotional and educational phasis will be placed in getting work for the Mass X-ray Survey our older population X-rayed in their quarterly report to Judge boy, and Robert Swanke, 19-yearto be held in Martin County Jan- order to protect the future health Walter J. Bone, and recessed un- old St. Louis boy, were separated uary 11 through February 2, 1952. of our children and grandchil-Paul Johnson, Negro health edu-

> cator, will arrive on December 13. to work with all Negro groups plicity of an X-ray-takes only a called into special session should and organizations. This Free Chest X-ray Survey it doesn't cost a cent. Everyone sions of a grand jury have been

**Former Resident Dies In Hospital** The Rev. Dennis Warren Davis,

TO SING CAROLS

He also pointed out the simfew minutes, no undressing, and

is made possible by the local is encouraged to stress the im- held in this county health department in conjunction portance of this survey with their with the Martin County Tubercu-Ifamily and neighbors.



Singing of Christmas carols by the entire group will feature the meeting of the Wil-

blood. Hope New Plant Conducting X-Ray Survey

was found not guilty. Found guilty of drunken driving, Elbert Willis Midyette was fined \$175 and taxed with the costs.

Pleading guilty of forcible trespass, Ben Biggs was sentenced to the roads for six months, the court suspending the road term upon the payment of the costs. He is to remain of good behavior for two years, remain off the premisrs of Virginia Hunter and molest her in no way during the next two years.

Going into court with a splendid record, Claude Bryant, charged with drunken driving, was found not guilty.

Collins (Rudy) Smith, charged with breaking and entering, fail-ed to answer when called and pa-The case in which Prince Lynch On Court Docket pers were issued for his arrest.

was charged with robbery, was nol prossed with leave. It was Idle while the superior tribun-

the defendant with robbing him day. Thirty-five cases had been of \$100.

Gray is charged with drunken Monday.

term.

two years of separation, were four with drunken driving, two granted the following:

William N. Beasley from Cora weapon, violating the liquor laws, S. Beasley, Kenneth Earl Bryant non-support and careless and from Doris Bowers Bryant, and I reckless driving, and one each

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### Secure Outside His Home and Car year.

Farmer Jesse Crisp was all locked out Tuesday.

Hurrying to get into the courthouse where he had been called as and the court was all set to ad- found his freedom cut short when a witness, he left his keys in the minister the oath, but the promis- police once got on his trail. Learncar switch, slammed the door and ing young lawyer, Ned Everett ing his address, the sheriff's ofautomatically locked himself out. of Robersonville, advised that his fice here wired New York police He called friends in Oak City for law license had been misplaced, Monday. Three hours later the another set of car keys. Mrs. Crisp and the ceremony had to be post- police wired back, advising that had gone away, too, leaving the poned yesterday afternoon in su- Griffin had been picked up and perior court here. home locked.

The locked-out combination was He hopes to recover his credenfinally solved after a delay of tials and accept the oath possibly Joe Blythe made the trip north sometime next month. hours.

STORE HOURS

Beginning next Wednesday, Williamston stores will remain open until 9:00 o'clock parts of Martin County will aseach evening, it was announced by the director of the Williamston Boosters. The late closing hour will be observed through December 24. ment Day Program. It was also announced that

local business houses will observe a two-day Christmas holiday, the 25th and 26th. New Year's Day will also be observed as a holiday.

> clesfield, past president of the State 4-H Club Council, and Miss Margaret E. Clark, assistant State 4-H Club leader. Awards for outstanding 4-H

Club work will be presented, repointed out that the prosecuting al was in session this week, the ports concerning county activities witness, Eddie Franklin, was not Martin County Recorder's Court will be made by club members, in court. Franklin had charged will resume its work next Mon- and the 1952 County Council officers wil be installed, it was anplaced on the docket up until nounced today by S. A. Tuten,

The case in which Henry A. yesterday afternoon for trial next Jr., assistant Martin County farm agent.

driving, was continued for the Eight persons are charged with defendant until the next March operating motor vehicles without drivers' licenses, six with speed-Three divorces, all based on ing, five with public drunkenness,

**Delayed In Qualifying** 

As Practicing Attorney

each with assaults with deadly

liam Jenkins and Willis Griffin, both colored, were returned late · | with temporary larceny and asyesterday from Baltimore and sault.

New York to face Judge R. T The court is planning no session on the day before Christmas, but Johnson in the county court next Monday. will work on the last day of the

Jenkins, seeking refuge in the Maryland city, is alleged to have

deserted his wife and three children. Thinking he was as snug as a bug in a rug while with the

Wanted for abandonment, Wil-

Friends were waiting around millions in New York, Griffin

would not fight extradition. Deputies Raymond Rawls and

for the two men.

a former resident of this county logging operations for employdied in a Washington hospital ment and the whole town are Tuesday afternoon at 2:30 o'clock anxiously awaiting a decision, following a short illness. Program Saturday looking to the restoration of the

He was born in Pitt County 50 years ago on September 12, 1901, Representatives of the fire insurance companies inspected the the son of Dennis W. and Mary Johnson Davis. He entered the

**Special Guests** 

the club's regular meeting this

President Ben D. Courtney today.

Miss Rawls, registered nurse,

heads the group of nine handling

the unit.

ruins yesterday, but no report ministry 21 years ago and was a semble in the Courthouse in Wil- was filed immediately on the graduate of Johnson Bible Col liamston next Saturday at 2 loss which rated at about onelege, Knoxville, Tenn. quarter million dollars and the o'clock for their annual Achive-During his residence in this largest in the town's fire records.

Mr. Oates, reported to be con-The principal speaker will be sidering the possibility of replacthe Reverend J. Don Skinner of mill, pointed out that this Williamston. Other special guests was an ideal site for a plant, and who will participate in the prothat if his company found it imgram are Miss Edith Rogerson. possible to rebuild, that possibly former 4-H Club member of Bear someone else would establish a Grass; Robert W. Parker of Macplant here. his death.

During the meantime, it is understood that the management is making a survey of the markets and conditions in an effort to de-

termine its future action. Most of the workers burned out of their jobs Monday night were out looking for work early the next morning. A few found employment, but others were standing idle around the wrecked plant today. About a dozen men were

at work on the lumber yard at the plant this morning.

#### Bear Grass P.-T. A. To Meet On Monday Night With Prisoners

hold its monthly meeting Monday Arnold of Washington. Burial vehicle made one complete turn night, December 17, at 7:30 in the will be in Oakdale Cemetery in and stopped on its left side. A school auditorium. All parents Washington.

and teachers are urged to attend.

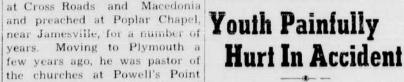
### COLD SWEEP

After enjoying the very best weather even Florida has to offer, this section buttoned up tight in the face of a cold sweep that sent the mercury tumbling down this week. A low of 23 degrees was reported this morning about 6:30 o'clock.

The mercury, battling against a bright sun, started yielding as the day wore on, but cold weather is promised for tomorrow when the wave is expected to have spent most of its fury.

liamston P.-T. A. Monday evening at 7:45 in the Grammar School auditorium. The group singing will be under the direction of Miss Ann Royster with Mrs. Sophia Critcher as accompanist.

The meeting is being held a week ahead of the regularly scheduled date because the regular time falls on Christmas eve. county he pastored the churches



and Union Grove at the time of colored boy of near Williamston, Surviving are his widow; three sons, Dennis Ashley Davis, stu- was painfully but believed not dent at Johnson Bible College, badly hurt, and two others were Tenn.; David Elridge Davis of slightly bruised when a 1940 Plymouth, Wayne Warren Davis Chevrolet pick-up turned over Narron of the Highway Patrol of Plymouth; one daughter, Ruth about 8:45 o'clock last evening on Elaine Davis of Plymouth; five sisters, Mrs. Marcia Stepney of Highway 125 a short distance this Roanoke Rapids, Mrs. Eva Wood- side of Abbitt's mill. The victim ley of Creswell, Mrs. Hilda Finch suffered a nose injury and his Clerk of Court and found it to be of Nashville, Tenn., Mrs. Eliza- mouth was badly cut, one report beth Bryant of Baltimore, Mrs. saying that he'll likely lose most John Forrester of South Carolina. of his front teeth.

The truck, driven by a cousin, Funeral services are being held at the Poplar Chapel Church of James Earl Peele, 16, was travel Christ this afternoon at 2 o'clock, ing toward Williamston when th by the Rev. Richard Gardner of left front wheel ran off, throwing The Bear Grass P.-T. A. will Roper, assisted by the Rev. D. W. the machine out of control. The third boy, riding in the middle,

> was the first to climb out the door window on the top side. At 11 o'clock last night the vic-**At Lions Meet** tim had been unable to get a doc-

The personnel handling the Red to Roosevelt Peele, was estimated the Williamston-Pear Grass Road. Cross Bloodmobile work are to at \$150 by Patrolman B. W. Parkbe special guests of local lions at er who made the investigation.

### evening, it was announced by Returns To Hospital Here **For Continued Treatment**

Quite ill since suffering an at-

The bloodmobile personnel, Sr., local druggist, was transferworking in Washington County red from a Rocky Mount hospi- critical following a stroke suffertoday, will come here late this af- tal late yesterday afternoon to ed last Thanksgiving day. ternon to spend the night and be Brown's Community Hospital here ready for the unit appointment in for further treatment. His condithe Legion Hut on Watts Street tion was reported somewhat im- ren and eight great-grandchild- trolman R. P. Narron who made proved this morning. tomorrow.

the Peace were checked and foun entered the door the next morn filed with the Clerk of Court and ing, tie him up and take his keys all fines paid to the County Treaand move out of the jail. surer. They had learned that the next

We found the County Jail clean and in good condition. There were two white male inmates, six colored male and i colored female inmates.

We checked the County Home and found that the rear steps had not yet been repaired. Nor had the outbuildings been painted as had been previously recom- tering and robbery, were sentencmended. Floors of the bathrooms and the floor of one room in TB division are in need of paint.

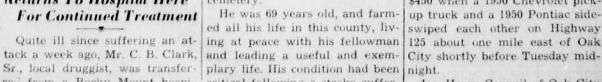
The TB Ward has one white man, four colored men and seven week, specified that the terms Howard Earl Peele, 15-year-old colored women. Other inmates of the sanitorium include four white women, one colored woman, four

colored men and three white men. We have checked the report submitted by Patrolman R. P. tache, pleaded for mercy just bewhich shows that all school busses were checked Nov. 26-27, 1951, and put in condition at that time. have no counsel. We are now serv-We examined the office of the in excellent condition with guardians' reports and accounts filed as



on their records to be filed with Funearl services are being conducted this afternoon at 2:30 prison authorities and with the o'clock in the Cedar Hill Baptist Federal Bureau of investigation. **Escape Injury In** 

Damage to the truck, belonging last Sunday night at his home on His pastor, the Rev. F. K. Leathers, will conduct the rites and



Surviving are his widow; eight Holliday of Williamston was operchildren ,thrity-three grandchild- ating the car, according to Paren.

the investigation.

No one was injured and properinterment will be in the family ty damage was limited to about \$450 when a 1950 Chevrolet pickup truck and a 1950 Pontiac sideswiped each other on Highway

125 about one mile east of Oak

night. Jas. Harry Council of Oak City was driving the truck, and James

**Tuesday Accident** 

