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Bloodmobile Goal

Four Persons Report, **But Get only 131 Pints**

After making a splendid showing in this chapter last March, the Red Cross bloodmobile fell nineteen pints short of its 150-pint quota last Thursday, according to report released by the Red

One hundred and fifty-four persons reported to the center at the American Legion Hut on Watts Street, but twenty-three were found physically unable to donate blood, it was said.

Early that morning it looked as if hardly more than one-half the quota would be reached, but urgent pleas were made, and a rush developed later in the day. Chief John Roebuck made personal Funeral Friday the county by about fifteen pints. J. C. Coltrain was again at the center, adding his thirteenth pint and helping boost the take for the day to 131 pints. A considerable boost was reported when Henry

Those reporting to the center

train, James E. Bulluck, Mrs. Do- Johns' squardron in that order. ra B. Rogerson, William Tetter-Ange, Roger A. Critcher, Jr., Mrs. Major Johns' mother. L. T. Fowden, Waverly Outter- active service.

kiah Bell, Paul Griffin, Miss navigator on a B-17 with the 8th fore. son, Bruce Holloman, Harrell several tours of duty overseas as Everett, Jr., John C. McKeel, W. a member of the strategic Air ported only .15 of an inch of rain wheat. I. Skinner, Roger Roberts, Gary Command. In February of this at the river, but the fall possi-Burnette, Fred Silverthorne, Rus- time he lost his life in the strato- Up until today 1.28 inches of shank did two or three years ago sell Biggs, Clyde Griffin, J. C. jet that crashed Monday June rain have fallen at this point as in this county. Coltrain, John H. Lynch, L. L. 21st about 50 miles from Savan- against a normal of 5.07 for June. Rhodes, Mrs. W. H. Abernathy. nah. Major Johns is survived by Last year 6.89 inches of rain fell. Roberson, Evan Griffin, Rufus Ann, Linda and Josephine, of Sa- corded, but in 1951 there were

Gurganus, Miss Myrtle Scott, vannah; his parents, Mr. and Mrs. 9.26 inches. Mrs. James R. Bullock, Mrs. Mol- V. A. Johns of Williamston, a Heavy rains were reported Sunlie Oaleley, Miss Lela Hollis, Mrs. sister, Mrs. George W. Corey of day to the south, especially in Myrtle Rogerson, John Lewis Lee, Williamston. Major Johns was a the Jamesville section, and heavy Charles Brown, William Ruffin, cousin of Dr. Varl V. Reynolds, showers were reported south of Daniel Williams, Benjamin Ed- former State Health Officer, who Robersonville. Other sections in wards, Benjamin Hyman, Mrs. now resides in California. R. C. Whitaker, Mrs. W. J. Bridgen, J. D. Baldree.

Maurice Stalls, John VanLandingham, V. B. Hairr, Mrs. Melba Wynne, Mrs. Jasper Jones, Mrs. C. B. Rogerson, Mrs. Lillian Peele, Fletcher Thomas, Mrs. Carlyle Langley Mrs. W. H. Ross, C. T. Gaines, John B. Godwin, Darrell Taylor, K. P. Lindsley, Morris Brown, Lugene Bell, Willie Moore, Willie Parker, James Lee Bradley, R. L. Bailey, Guy Leggett, Ben James, John D. Leggett, Mrs. Abner Brown, Mrs. John Roebuck.

James D. Vann, Arthur B. Gurganus, Norman Lee Slade, Mrs. William Decato, T. L. Roberson,

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Jimmy Myers Enlists In The Marine Corps

Raleigh .- James E. Myers, 21 sen of Mr. and Mrs. William Myers of 304 Halifax Street, Williamston, N. C., has been enlisted in the U. S. Marine Corps and been assigned to the Marine Corps Recruit Depot, Parris Island, S. C., Staff Sergeant Leo L. Smith, Ma-

rine recruiter, announced today. Myers will be assigned to a ground, sea or air unit of the Marine Training in 470 job skills.

Red Cross Falls General Holiday Scheduled Tobacco Crop In Under Its Recent Here On Monday July 5th County Reported

day a general holiday will be ob- eral industrial plants are already One Hundred And Fifty- served here on Monday, July 5, closed for a two-week vacation Few Cases Of Black Shank according to information gained

State, county and federal offices edition on July 6. will be closed that day. The counlar July meeting, the date to be time. determined later. No postal dethe town or in the rural areas, at the post office. Mails will be ence. dispatched and lock boxes servic-

All stores, banks professional

Since July Fourth falls on Sun-closed, reports stating that sevhere and in the county.

Running into a general holiday the first of the July 4, week, The The post office along with all Enterprise will have no Tuesday

The holiday schedule holds lit-

Attention is called now to the

A special one-week term of offices and heavy industry will be way until Tuesday, July 6.

SCHOOL BIDS

Bids on the construction of

a new high school unit in

Robersonville and for a shop

and classroom at the Wil-

liamston High School are be-

ing opened in the courthouse

here this afternoon at 2:00 o'-

clock. By noon today, it ap-

peared as if the contractors

of this State were meeting

Apparently the projects,

estimated to cost approxi-

mately \$300,000, are attract-

ing the largest number of bid-

ders of any project of its

kind ever advertised in this

Of Conservation

here for a big convention.

For Major Johns

Major Joseph V. Johns was buried with full military honors last Friday at 1 p. m. eastern daylight Griffin reported with six of his time in Arlington Cemetery. The procession originated from Ft. Myer Chapel and was led by the and offering to donate blood in- Air Force Ceremonial band from Bowling Green. The firing squad N. D. Griffin, Henry G. Corey, followed the band after which Willie Gray Lee, A. B. Ayers, Jr., marched the Chaplain. The hearse H. E. Roberson, Julian Jackson, was followed by the Security Mrs. Wilford Griffin, Miss Mary Squad after which came the fami-L. Taylor, Mrs. Vera Pearl Col- ly, and members of Major

During the march to the grave, ton, Elbert Harrison, Mrs. Elbert the band played a funeral march, Harrison, Donald C. Frank, R. "Onward Christian Soldiers" and Earl Brown, Willie Whitfield, Dr. "Abide With Me". After the flag L. S. Christian, Mrs. Avis W. Buldraped casket was placed over Weather Topic lock, James S. Griffin, Benjamin the grave, Chaplain Coward, L. Ward, L. C. Moore, Mrs. Brax- Protestant Chaplain, officiated. ton Williams, Mrs. S. A. Graham, Following the prayers three vol-Norman Everett, Paul Bailey, Le- leys were fired after which "taps" ie C. Bond, Earl Roberson, R. J. was sounded. The flag was then est Wiggins, D. P. Glisson, A. D. cort. It was then presented to of exasperated complaints.

Mattie White, Cecil Batts, Clyde He was a graduate of Lee H. the not side. Officially, the energy diagnosed as black shank, one Robbers On Loose Joseph Manning, Cecil Brown, ville in 1941. Major Johns of that afternoon. It was the highest with root knot, one with physiolo-Braxton Williams, Kenneth But
Braxton Williams, Kenneth Butler, T. Marvin Britton, Mrs. Cad- ball players at North Carolina P in and hall in the area toppled lightning and two with sun die Robertson, William L. How- State College under Coach Bob the mercury a bit late in the aftell, W. R. Bender, G. H. Piercy, Warren during 1941-43. He en- ernoon, and even though 90 de- underlying the diseases and dis- rather than work choose to rob Sitterson, Mrs. Joe Spivey, and Another storm struck south of tacks. He added that he believes Hugh Hines, Mrs. Lela Johnson, listed in the ROTC during 1941 gree temperatures were in order cussed means for checking them. and steal for a livelihood, accord-Clyde R. Bailey, R. C. Malone, and had completed his sophomore vesterday, there was little com- It was pointed out that four of ing to a report coming from the sor, Mrs. J. L. Swain of Coving- County in and around the Flat more serious nature and has and Billy Griffin, Irving M. Margolis, year at State when he went into plaint about the weather, the ten the eight farmers submitting dis-sheriff's office during the week-ton, Va., and Mrs. Blaid Jenkins Swamp section.

bridge, Mrs. Elbert Griffin, Heze- During the war he served as a ed after the scorcher the day be- their tobacco land. Maud Thomas, Clabon Summer- Air Force, He then became a pi-Davis, Mrs. Grady Godard, Dock year he completed his Jet train- bly was a little heavier even up ed to small areas, and are not af- Deputy Dennis Roberson who Bullock, Reuben Williams, Nash ing and was a senior pilot at the town.

> Attend Church Camp Near Morehead City

Accompanied by their counselor, Miss Sarah Wobbleton, sev- where hail damage was reported eral representatives of Roberson's Chapel and the Williamston Presbyterian Church attended a special church camp on Bogue Sound near Morehead City last week. Among those attending were, Misses Edna Taylor, Janie Mizelle, Firemen Called Shirley Hardison, Dot Rogers and Sandra Gardner, and Dennis Biggs, Carroll Rogerson and William Leggett.

also got the most rain.

could get a little rain.

One farmer in the dry area said

To River Front

After finding it fairly quiet in

their line for several weeks, local

volunteer firemen were called to

the river front here yesterday

morning at 8:20 o'clock when fire

threatened a shanty apartment

house occupied by Lillie Berry

Starting around a defective

flue, the fire was gaining much

headway in the paper-covered

walls when passersby discovered

it and held it fairly well in check

No estimate on the damage

could be had immediately, but it

was limited according to fire

The building belongs to F. U.

until the fire-fighting equipment

and others.

reached there.

Chief G. P. Hall.

he would take a little hail if he

ROUND-UP

Six persons were rounded up and detained in the Martin County jail last week-end, the inmates finding the jail house just as cool as any place

around during the period.
One each was booked for being absent from the armed forces without leave, driving after license had been revoked, hit-run driving, larceny, non-support and issuing a bad check.

Two of the six were white and the ages of the group ranged from 19 to 27 years.

Free Of Disease

And Other Disease In Scattered Areas

As a whole, the tobacco crop in this county at the present time jured and considerable property ty commissioners will not meet the hope for farmers since they is virtually free of disease, ac- damage resulted in a four-car acuntil the following day, July 6. are expected to be busy housing cording to the best information cident on Smithwick Street near The Williamston town commis- tobacco and handling other farm available. There are cases where the Church Street intersection sioners are postponing their regu- chores of a rush nature at that black shank has attacked a few here shortly before noon yesterfields in scattered areas about the day morning. No other accidents county, and some leaf spot, root were reported either on the liveries will be made either in July 5 holiday schedule that the knot, a bit of Mosiac and some streets or highways in this county public may gear its plans to it sore shin have been reported. over the week-end. and there'll be no window service and avoid any possible inconveni- Lightning damage was also reported in a few fields, Farmer with a friend, Mrs. Josephine B. Wolfe of the Jamesville section Bressman of Staunton, Virginia, court has been called for that reporting heavy lightning in his suffered a bruised leg and a week, but it will not get under field during the Sunday afternoon

Aside from disease, heavy dam-

was evidenced last Thursday aft- the Peele car. ernoon when the N. C. Extension mitted samples of diseased or \$550 to the Oldsmobile.

and identified the diseases for them. While little could be done about Farmers James R. Williams, Mack On June 27, last year, Mr. Peele where he was superintendent of outside the sections where hail Hardison, Lester Bryant, Coronne folded and given to the Chaplain it, everybody was talking about Davis and W. L. Holliday of parked his car in the hotel lot, and the water and street departments, was reported. Bryant, Exum Ward, Jr., Willie who presented it to Capt. Yates the weather last Sunday, and Jamesville, J B. Harrington, Hen- a hit-run driver sideswiped it, serving Duplin County as coroner The damage apparently was ed to study the situation, that an E. Decato, D. D. Bazemore, Ern- of Savannah, Major Johns' es- most of the talk was in the form derson Norfleet, Dampey Sim- causing so much damage that Mr. for a number of years. Well, the mercury did get on liamston and Allen Williams of new one Mattie White, Cecil Batts, Clyde He was a graduate of Lee H. the hot cide. Officially, th emer- Everetts. Three specimens were

degree drop being readily accept- ease specimens had not fumigated end.

lin, Clayton Revels, Fred Hardi- lot on a B-29 and had completed neither was there any hail here. ley of Williamston submitted sam- carried away about \$12 or \$15 part of May to see his daughter Highsmith who operates his mo- "the growers have the greatest Bridge Keeper Hugh Spruill re- ples showing scab and smut in worth of canned goods from the and friends here and in Bertie ther's farm between the church potential loss resulting from a de-

fecting entire fields as black making the investigation.

Home From Camp

Members of Battery C, 150th AAA Gun Battalion, completed a two-week encampment at Camp Stewart, Georgia, last Saturday the county, with the possible exmorning and returned home early ception of one or two scattered areas reported very little rain, es-Sunday morning. Traveling in a pecially in the Hamilton-Oak City Sunday morning. Traveling in a Arthur Burnette rest stop in Conway, South Carolina, Saturday night. It seems that those sections

Man of the battery reported an extensive training schedule during their stay at Camp Stewart, this county, died at his home in adding that everything moved according to schedule and without accident.

The Battery plans to move into the new armory about the middle of August.

LAST ROUND-UP

The last round-up of stray dogs is under way in the county this week. No detailed report has been released by inspector Arthur (Clab) Roberson of Everetts, but hundreds of stray and unwanted canines have been destroyed, it was learned.

The drive is being brought to a close in Williamston this week, and the inspector is anxious to get all the stray dogs out of the way. Reports on stray dogs will be received and handled by the sheriff's office or by the inspector. The cooperation of the public is asked.

Costly Accident On Street Here

Two Persons Slightly Hurt In Four-Car Wreck On Smithwick Street

Two persons were slightly in-

Mrs. Samuel Zemon, riding was bruised on one hand.

Mrs. Bressman, just in from age to tobacco has resulted from Virginia, lost control of her 1953 the prolonged dry weather, ob- Chrysler when it was in collision servers declaring that the crop with a Ford driven by Mrs. Rosa has been reduced twenty percent Saunders Rogerson of Bear Grass in more. A few farmers have har- at the Smithwick and Church invested some of the crop, not be- tersection. The Chrysler, travelcause it was riped but to save the ing toward Main on Smithwick, leaves damaged by sun scald, swerved into Wendell Peeis' 1953 Hail did considerable damage in Plymouth which was parked the Jamesville-Farm Life section against the curb in front of the and also in Robersonville Town- Baptist Church. One side of the ship out toward Flat Swamp. Plymouth was ripped away and Wind also aggravated the con- the right side of the body was ed in the Kenansville Baptist into the thousands of dollars, acdition in the Jamesville area, it knocked against a maple tree. Church Sunday afternoon at 4:30 cording to reports reaching here. That the diseases, ordinarily the rear of Clyde Alfred Glass' died at his home there last Friday mately 150 claims had been filed arette manufacturers last year

building at the Williamston High including \$450 to the Bressman charge of the graveside rites.

In addition to the tobacco dis-school lunchroom and teacherage often, and although in declining complete list of the losses could He declared that while the en-Locally, little rain fell and ease samples, Farmer L. P. Linds- last Thursday afternoon, robbers health he came here the latter not be had immediately. Herbert tire industry stands to suffer, lunchroom. Nothing was missed County. The tobacco diseases are limit- from the teachers, according to

Tearing through a side window. robbers entered the M. E. Council Service Station in Oak City last Thursday morning and car-R. Edwin Peele, Mrs. Elsie B. his wife and three daughters Jill In. 1952, only 1.83 inches were reeight quarts of wine, eight cartons of cigarettes, a box of Clark candy bars, a box of Baby Ruth candy, \$4 in pennies, key chains noon. He had been in declining and five packages of razor blades. The station was thoroughly ransacked, Sheriff M. W. Holloman

Dies At Hobgood

Arthur L. Burnette, native of with a heart condition for some ley of Oak City. time, but was up and about the fatally stricken.

The son of the late James and Mattie Coburn Burnette, he was born 64 years ago in this county, and located in Halifax County about 37 years ago.

Surviving are his widow, the former Kathleen Cherry of Pitt | Pallbearers were, John Hassell, Vaughan of Roanoke Rapids; two sons, Arthur L. Burnette, Jr., stationed with the armed forces at Foley, Alabama, and John B. Burnette of Hobgood; one sister, Mrs. Representing County In H. C. Eure of Charleston.

The funeral service will be conducted in the Scotland Neck Funthe Rev. G. J. Haynes, Baptist agent's office. minister of Hobgood. Interment The district winner will comwill be in the Hobgood cemetery. pete in the State contest.

Heavy Hail Damage Two Big Problems To Be Solved By At Noon Monday Reported In County To Be Solved By

INDUSTRY IDLE

After moving along at a fairly rapid clip, big industry is idle in a big way in this county at the present time. The North Carolina Pulp Company idled more than 900 workers this week when it closed its plant down in the lower part of the county for a two-week vacation period. The Atlas Plywood Company plant on Roanoke River here is also on vacation. The Williamston Peanut Company completed its operations for the season last week.

While the suspensions coincide with annual vacations, one or more of the plants are said to have few orders on

B. Sitterson **Funeral Sunday**

The Chrysler then plowed into o'clock for C. B. Sitterson who Up until late Monday, approxicommon in tobacco in this coundary well under control ed against the curb just ahead of common in tobacco in this coundary well under control ed against the curb just ahead of conducted the conducte rites and interment was in the on the losses is to be expected uning the harmful effects of ciga-Investigating the accident, Of- Golden Grove Cemetery in Ken- til the adjusters complete their rettes." He added that the adver-Service conducted a tobacco dis- ficers Roebuck and Haislip esti- ansville. He was a Mason and survey, beginning Thursday of tising "became so far-fetched and ease clinic in the agriculture mated the total damage at \$1,500, members of the Lodge there had this week. At least four adjusters ridiculous" that in October, 1953,

damaged plants, it was reported. The Chrysler and Oldsmobile was born in Bertie County 69 more adjusters be assigned to the advertising" took place about the J. C. Wells, extension plant pa- locked bumpers and considerable years ago, the son of the late T. B. county to help with the survey. thologist, examined the samples time was spent trying to separate and Sally Waters Sitterson. In With the exception of one or sure this has been greatly bene-1928 he located in Kenansville two small areas, little rain fell ficial," he added.

brother, T. B. Sitterson of Wind- ty where Allen Griffin reported

of Raleigh.

County Citizen Dies In Hospital

David Lafayette House, a resi- Elmer Parker. dent of this county for a num- Mr. Highsmith displayed a batber of years, died in a Tarboro tered five-foot stalk with all but Hospital late last Thursday afterhealth for some time.

The son of the late Gregg T. and Mary Melissa Dixon House, he was born in Pitt County and made his home there until 1934 when he came to this county to make his home with his sister, Mrs. Benjamin M. Worsley in Oak

Surviving besides his sister are a niece, Mrs. William Berry, of Oak City, and three nephews, Hobgood Honday morning at 10:30 Hassell Worsley of Robersonville o'clock. He had been suffering and Francis and Benjamin Wors-

The funeral service was conhome ten minutes before he was ducted at the late home in Oak City Saturday afternoon at 3:30 o'clock by Elder E. C. Stevenson, Primitive Baptist minister of Grimes of Greenville. Interment was in the House Cemetery at Greenville.

County; one daughter, Mrs. Ellis James Hope Ayers, Harry Daniel, Melvin Crisp, Fred Barrett, G. W. Barrett, Minton Beach and Russell Turner.

Dairy Foods Contest

Miss Catherine Rogerson of eral Chapel Wednesday afternoon Bear Grass is representing this at 3:00 o'clock by the Rev. W. W. county in the 4-H Dairy Foods Thomas, Pentecostal Holiness Contest in Greenville today, it minister of Falcon, assisted by was announced by the home

Estimate Losses Will Reach High Figure In County

Preliminary Reports Show tobacco industry, Fred Royster of More Than Hundred **And Fifty Claims**

Record high temperatures sucked in one hail storm after another last Sunday afternoon and markets. by late 4:00 o'clock tobacco and other field crops on an estimated 150 farms in this county had been arettes in relation to health has damaged, according to prelimin-been established," Royster told ary reports gained late Monday. One farmer in the Jamesville tion, "the number of doctors who section reported three distinct have expressed such opinions, tohail storms, all of short duration. gether with information media Going into his field to view the used in informing the public as damage caused by the first storm, to these expressions has no doubt he was battered by hail stones had an adverse effect on the conthat came in a second wave. Withn an hour more hail fell, it was damaging of these is the an-

damage are to be had at this time, ducted by the American Cancer Funeral services were conduct- but the loss is likely to run well Society. are due to start the task early he issued a public statement con-School. Only eight farmers sub- car, \$500 to the Peele car and Mr. Sitterson, father of Mrs. that morning, and insurance comdemning the methods used. R. Edwin Peele of Williamston, pany representatives are asking

centered in a streak across the initial fund of \$500,000 for remons and Arthur Slade of Wil- Peele found it necessary to buy a Surviving besides his daughter southern part of the county, ex- search has been appropriated, and here, are his wife, the former Miss tending from the Dardens area, that additional funds will be made Lillie Dale Ward of Bertie Coun- through Angetown, that section available as required. ty, and four sons, Roy and Jack of Jamesville Township south of f Kenansville, C. B. Sitterson of Cooper Swamp, right on through

Heavy losses were reported in sumption of cigarettes for some Breaking into the Parmele Mr. Sitterson had visited here the Flat Swamp section, but a time to come." Whitehurst, Mildred Grimes and lion American farmers is at stake.'

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Local Young Man Earns Promotion

Herbert Harrell, local young tion this year will not be reduced man, was recently promoted to to any appreciable extent. The Airman First Class in the U. S. outlook for increased exports over Air Force, his parents, Mr. and 1953 is good; if a normal crop in Mrs. Julian Harrell, were advis- poundage and quality is produced,

Enlisting in the service on Au- serious difficulty." gust 11, 1952, he received his bas- "A great deal has been accomic training at Lackland Air Force plished in recent years in pro-Base, San Antonio, Texas, and mating exports," Royster said, his technical instruction at Keesl- adding he was "not pessimistic er Field, Biloxi, Mississippi He about the future." was promoted to Airman 2/c last Hamilton, assisted by Elder W. E. August. He has been stationed He said he failed to underwith the 90th Bomber Squadron stand why, with the tremendous in Pusan, Korea, since last Oc- revenue the Federal government

FIRST BLOSSOMS

The first cotton blossoms reported this season were plucked by Farmer Herman Williams on his farm in Cross Roads last Thursday. "We have plenty of them," Mr. Williams said, explaining that he picked three Thursday and that there were many squares in his three and one-half acre field.

The crop was said to be excellent

Bright Belt Warehouse Association Meeting At Virginia Beach

Virginia Beach, June 28 .-- The controversy on the effect of tobacco on health is one of the two most serious problems facing the Henderson, N. C., told the Bright Belt Warehouse Association here today.

Royster, president fo the association, listed the other major problems as expansion of export

"While no conclusive scientific proof as to adverse effects of cigthe association's annual convensumption of cigarettes. The most nouncement of the preliminary No reliable estimates on the results of a statistical survey con-

Perfect Background

Royster asserted that the type

A "marked change in cigarette

He said that the tobacco indus-

Tobacco Blamed Before

Mr. Wells explained the causes | Apparently there are those who sor; and five sisters, Miss Maggie a loss approximating 100 percent. try always has withstood the atwill continue to affect the con-

> and Leens had a loss that will ap- cline in the use of tobacco." He proximate 90 percent or more on added that he thought it "very thirty acres of tobacco. Vance unfair and unfortunate for these Whitehurst has a loss estimated unproven medical claims and by some at 75 percent in the same statistics to be made and such territory. Other farmers there wide publicity given them when reporting losses were, Z. V. the very livelihood of several mil-

> > Sees Satisfactory Price

Royster asserted that present indications point to a satisfactory price for the 1954 flue-cured tobacco crop.

"While cigarette consumption decreased slightly during the past year," he said, "the continued shift to king size and filter type means the total tobacco consumpwe should not experience any

Fails To Understand

receives from tobacco excise taxes, which amounted to \$1,600,-000,000 in 1953, that the Departments of Commerce and State are not more concerned with providing a favorable climate for exports of American cigarettes." He said he thought the United States 'missed an opportunity to expand in the field" following World War II.

"With better Federal grading facilities and more personnel available for buying operations, Royster said he thought there would be improvement this year in a more equitable adjustment of

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