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Bloodmobile At Armory March

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The American Red Cross Bloodmobile will visit Yancey County Thursday, March 7 at the Armory on Orchard Street in Burnsville. The hours will be from 1:00 p. m. until 6:00 p. m.

The quota for this visit is 110 donors. It will be most helpful and will save time if we can have an even flow of donors throughout the day, said Red Cross officials in charge of the visit.

The local chapter of the Red Cross has made arrangements for volunteer doctor and nurse coverage. The Gray Ladies will assist with records and a church group will have charge of the canteen. Volunteers will also assist with advertising the visit with posters and other means of communication. Also, they will assist with loading and unloading the equipment.

The visit of the Bloodmobile should be of special interest to every citizen of the county, because of the very personal note in strikes. Arthur Lee Jarrett, son of Mrs. Virginia Jarrett of Burnsville, was shot by a hold-up man on a street in Miami, Fla. a few months back. He was carried to Jackson Memorial Hospital in Miami, where 75 pints of blood were given him in a vain effort to save his life. However, in spite of this he died. 75 pints of replacement blood are needed. Without the replacement it will be necessary for Mrs. Virginia Jarrett, the mother, who is a widow with small children, to pay the hospital for the blood. When our men are spilling their blood on the battle fields of Vietnam for people they do not know, surely we at home can spare a pint or more of blood for the son of our neighbor and friend. Think it over!

SHEEHAN SENTENCED TO 5-7 YEARS SUSPENDED IN SHOTGUN DEATH OF BROTHER

Ollis Sheehan, on trial here this week in Superior Court, was sentenced yesterday by presiding Judge Robert M. Martin.

Sheehan, who was charged with the shotgun death of his brother, Clarence Sheehan, submitted to a charge of manslaughter, and was sentenced to a period of five to seven years, with sentence being suspended for a probational period of five years.

The shooting incident took place November 4, 1967, at Sheehan's home in the Ferguson Hill section west of Burnsville.

According to Deputy Sheriff Kermit Banks, who was the first officer at the scene, Sheehan told the following story of the tragic shooting:

Sheehan and his brother Clarence and a brother-in-law, Phillip Cooper, traveled to a barber shop at Micaville for a hair cut. Finding the barber shop full, they then went to the home of Clarence Sheehan's girl friend, Jewel Wyatt, and picked her up, returning to the barber shop, which was still full.

They came back to Burnsville, dropped off Cooper and continued on to the Sheehan residence.

Somewhere in their travels, according to the statement, they had bought a pint of liquor, which they consumed. Later, they acquired some beer.

Shortly after reaching Ollis Sheehan's home, his wife and Miss Wyatt left for the laundry, leaving two small children with their father.

According to the statement, after a period of playing records, Clarence Sheehan became very abusive to his brother's children. Ollis asked his brother Clarence to leave. When he refused, he was forced out and the door was secured. Ollis then slipped his five-year-old daughter out another door to go to his father-in-law's home to call the law.

In the meantime Clarence forced his way back into his brother's house. Thinking to frighten Clarence, Ollis has taken a gun from the wall. A struggle began which ended in the yard where the accidental shooting occurred.

Deputy Sheriff Banks stated that he saw scratches on Ollis Sheehan's arm and neck, and that his shirt was practically torn off in the struggle.

Sheehan told him, Banks said, that he did not know the gun was cocked, and did not know what caused the gun to discharge.

During the struggle and fatal shooting, Ollis was holding his 15-month-old child in his arms.

WLOS-TV

Places

Translator On Phillips Knob

If you are a WLOS Asheville TV fan, turn your antenna toward Phillips Knob north of Burnsville. This will give you perfect reception, or so say the men who are packing a translator station on the mountain.

However, instead of turning your set to Channel 13, you will dial to Channel 12. The translator will be beamed on this channel.

The beam will be centered on the courthouse. And our informant says reception of the station should be nearly perfect in Burnsville, and within a two-mile radius. And, depending on the location of your home, reception should be improved within a six to eight mile radius.

The translator station was scheduled to be beamed last night, with a hope of perfect working condition. However, there may be some "kinks" to be ironed out.

Further information should be available from WLOS' promotion manager which we hope to pass on next week.

Oliver Speaks

To Men's Club

A meeting of the Men's Club was held at the First Presbyterian Church on Monday night, with the ladies of the church serving the supper.

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Several fires have broken out here recently from burning trash. Lack of rain or snow and cold winds have made fields and woods powder-dry.

The fire pictured above was in the Ferguson Hill section. Someone lost control of a "trash burning".

FIRE PERMITS CANCELLED IN 30 WESTERN COUNTIES

Because of the dangerous fire situation, an order cancelling burning permits in the state's 30 western counties was issued Monday by State Forester Ralph O. Winkworth. The ban will remain in effect until further notice. The area is extremely dry because of lack of rain since Feb. 2. Fire Warden Craig English says it is the driest time he has seen in his 31 year's experience with the department. Weathermen at the U. S. Weather Bureau at the Asheville Airport have reported only .21 inches of precipitation during the entire month.

The ban on burning was brought about because of numerous woods fires in the mountains over the past several days. Debris burning is reported as the major cause of fires.

One of the worst fires in the

county in years occurred on the head of Banks Creek on Sunday, burning over an area of 92 acres belonging to W. A. Banks and Ernest Briggs. Part of the acreage was covered with a good growth of young timber. Warden English says it was the worst fire to control he had ever seen. 35 men fought it the entire day, including the Newdale Fire Department.

Another potentially dangerous fire broke out on Monday on Ferguson Hill, which could have destroyed a number of homes. Locally the fire was confined to the cut over fields, and not too much damage was done.

The Burnsville Fire Department brought the fire under control.

Both these fires was caused by the burning of trash.

Rain is predicted for Thursday. Let's hope it comes.



Bakersville cheerleaders line up for a yell during the final

game with Newland High School. The Bakersville boys won the

Toe River Tournament.