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Council Offers Aid To Gates Vets; Full Information

Gatesville.—Coordinated service for Gates County veterans was established by the Gates County U. S. D. A. Council at its organization meeting here last week.

The Council made plans to offer information to returning veterans on problems of participating in various Federal Readjustment programs designed to benefit veterans.

The following information was released this week by the Council, and should be read by every Gates County veteran interested in applying for any type of veterans' aid:

Veterans may receive literature on readjustment programs at the Register of Deeds Office when registering his discharge papers. This registering should be done as soon as possible following discharge.

A veteran may file a claim for readjustment allowances at the following address: Claims Taker, U. S. Employment Service, 108 North Martin Street, Elizabeth City, North Carolina.

When filing this claim, the veteran should have his original discharge papers and be prepared to give statement of his income and expenses for the previous calendar month.

The readjustment claim can be filed only after the veteran has been self employed for one calendar month.

This information is being furnished by the Council in an effort to help Gates county veterans avoid loss of time and needless expense in filing claims for readjustment allowances. Further information will be published.

Two Are Drowned As Boat Capsizes In Chowan River

Winton. — Harvey Edward Lane, 32, and Aubrey Whitley, both of Woodland, were drowned in the Chowan River near Winton Sunday afternoon when the boat from which they were fishing capsized.

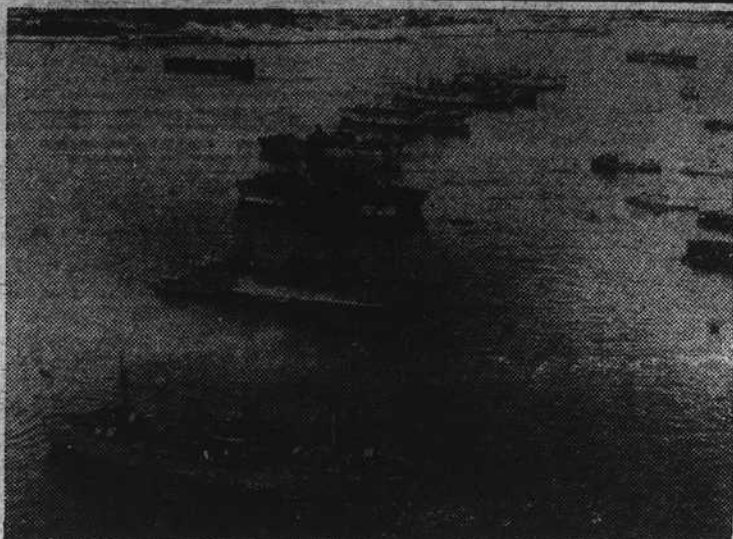
The double drowning, which occurred at Parker's Ferry, was witnessed by a 16-year-old boy, son of the ferry operator, who had accompanied the two men in the boat. The youth crawled onto the boat after the capsizing and was rescued later.

Whitley, who was considered an excellent swimmer, attempted to aid Lane after the boat overturned and drowned in the effort, the boy stated.

Lane's body was recovered near the spot of the capsizing several hours later, but Whitley's body was still unrecovered late Monday afternoon.

Funeral services for Lane will be conducted Tuesday afternoon at 4 o'clock from the home at Woodland by the Rev. T. N. Cooper of Rich Square. Interment will be in the Lane family cemetery.

Surviving Lane are his wife, the former Tulie Mae Outland; four daughters, an infant son; his father, E. Lane of Rich Square; one sister, Mrs. J. W. Gray of Rich Square; and one brother, Clarence Lane of Greenville.



GUINEA PIG SHIPS READY FOR ATOM BOMB . . . Photo shows a number of ships of the APA and AKA type, cargo and transport vessels, which will be used as targets in the Operation Crossroads, lined up at Pearl Harbor before shoving off on the final voyage.

U.S.D.A. Council Lays Out Program of Work

Hobbsville Man Badly Injured In Auto Crash

Gatesville.—Hinton Rountree of Hobbsville was seriously injured and his companion, Bernard Brown of Hobbsville, suffered cuts Thursday night when the automobile in which they were riding overturned near the State prison camp.

Rountree was taken to Lake View hospital in Suffolk, where it was reported that he was suffering from spinal injuries and a possible crushed vertebra. He was pronounced Sunday to be out of danger.

According to sheriff "Turk" Overman, who investigated the accident, the tie rod on Brown's car, a recently-purchased 1938 Ford, parted and the car turned over twice at about 11 p. m. Thursday. The car was demolished and Brown suffered painful cuts on his left arm.

Hand Named Cancer Campaign Chairman

Gatesville.—The appointment of L. C. Hand as county chairman for the second major fund campaign of the American Cancer Society has just been announced by John Kerr, Jr., of Warrenton, State Campaign chairman for the North Carolina Division of the Field Army of the American Cancer Society. The appeal for funds will be made during April, which has been designated Cancer Control Month by Act of Congress and of the North Carolina General Assembly. Gates county's quota is \$400 this year.

"Everyone in our community must learn the shocking facts about cancer," said Mr. Hand, commenting on his acceptance of the chairmanship. "I strongly believe that once these facts are known, every man and woman in Gates county will respond generously to this appeal, which may mean life or death to themselves and those they love."

"Most of us simply do not know that cancer kills 60 percent more people than all contagious and

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Commissioners Order Warrants For Tax Evaders

Negro Receives Two Sentences Within Two Days

Gatesville.—Ellsworth Harrison, Gatesville negro, who was sentenced in the March term of Superior court to eighteen months imprisonment, drew another six month's term on the following day on an abandonment and non-support charge.

Harrison, who was found guilty in last Tuesday's session of recorder's court, was given a sentence to run consecutive to the one imposed on Monday by Judge Henry Stevens in Superior Court.

In the only other case to be tried on Tuesday's docket Addison Parker, Gatesville negro, was sentenced to 60 days on charges of assault with a deadly weapon and being drunk and disorderly. Sentence was suspended upon the payment of a fine of \$25 and costs.

John J. Riddick Funeral Service Held On Friday

Gatesville.—Funeral services for John J. (Jack) Riddick, 68, prominent Gatesville business man who died in a Norfolk hospital Wednesday afternoon after a short illness, were conducted Friday afternoon in Saint Mary's Episcopal church here.

Services were conducted by the Rev. Worth Wicker, rector, and burial was in the Gatesville cemetery.

Mr. Riddick, a lifelong resident of Gates county, was a vestryman in Saint Mary's Episcopal church. The son of R. M. Riddick, Civil War veteran who founded the Riddick mercantile business in Gatesville in 1866, Mr. Riddick was active in the business from earliest youth until his death.

He is survived by his wife, Mrs. Varina Frontis Riddick; a son, Frontis Riddick, of Richmond; two daughters, Mrs. James Edward Weeks and Miss Celeste Riddick, both of Gatesville; three brothers, Dr. W. J. Riddick of New Orleans, La., Dr. C. R. Riddick of Ayden and R. M. Riddick of Hertford; and one sister, Mrs. Claude Cross of Bristol, Fla.

Active pallbearers for the funeral were Mills Roberts, William Cowper, Emmett Riddick, Marion Riddick, James L. Hofler, and John Lewis Perry.

Masons To Meet

Gatesville.—The regular meeting of the Gates county Masonic Lodge will be held Thursday evening, April 4, at eight o'clock in the Masonic Hall, it was announced by L. C. Hand.

Gatesville.—Acting upon a recommendation made last week by the Grand Jury, the Gates county Board of Commissioners Monday ordered the county tax supervisor and tax list takers to see that warrants are served upon all county residents who have not listed property for 1946 taxation.

The Commissioners acted upon the matter after being advised of the Grand Jury's recommendation. They were informed that there are approximately forty persons in the county who have failed to list property. Indictments will be issued for the arrest of these delinquents and all will be required to show cause for their failure to list.

The Board of Commissioners approved the changing of the day for the annual meeting of the Board as a Board of Equalization and Review. It was pointed out in the discussion which led to the approval of the change of date that most of the counties in the State have their Boards to meet on the third Monday in March of each year, at which time there is no need for subsequent changes on the tax listing books.

The 1946 sitting of the Board of Equalization and Review will remain on the third Monday in June as it has in the past, this year falling on June 17, but subsequent sittings will be held on the third Monday in March.

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Hofler Heads Election Board

Gatesville.—Paul L. Hofler of Gatesville was elected chairman of the Gates county Board of Elections when the Board met here Saturday, March 23.

H. A. Eure of Corapeake was named Secretary of the Board.

Hofler and J. A. Hobbs of Hobbsville served as Democratic members of the Board and Eure is the Republican member. The two Democratic members are serving for the first time, and Eure has served previous terms with the Board.

The Board was named by the State Board of Elections, acting on recommendations sent in to Raleigh by the county political parties.

Special Easter Services Set

Gatesville.—Special Easter programs are being planned for the churches of the Gatesville Methodist charge, as follows:

Mrs. Mills Riddick has announced a musical program for presentation on Palm Sunday evening, April 14, at eight o'clock at Philadelphia Methodist church. At this time, the Sunbury High School glee club will sing, with Miss Peggy Johnson and Mills Riddick as soloists.

Choral anthems, a quartet, and solos will be heard at Zion Methodist church Palm Sunday morning. Special music is also being scheduled for the Easter services the following Sunday at Gatesville in the morning and at Harrell in the afternoon.

The public is cordially invited to attend these services.