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Planters Buys Bertie Plant

BY HAROLD N. SIMPSON

Aulander. — The Planters Nut and Chocolate Company has purchased the site and plant of the Bertie Peanut Company here effective May 1, according to Michael J. English, company treasurer and manager of the firm's Suffolk, Va., plant.

A land transfer in the Register of Deeds Office in Windsor also lists the sale of the Peele Warehouse and lot in Roxobel to the Planters Company.

English said that Planters hoped to operate the Aulander shelling plant six to nine months each year and would probably employ about 100 local persons—an estimated 40 men and 60 women.

The plant will probably start operations on November 1.

English said that tooling of the plant would begin about 30 to 60 days prior to the beginning of actual shelling operations.

However English emphasized that the plant is completely modern and no additional equipment is contemplated.

Many of the nuts processed at the Aulander plant by Planters are to go into cold storage for future use, English pointed out.

Attorney John R. Jenkins of Aulander, who assisted in the negotiations for the transaction, said that the Bertie Peanut Company had been a partnership made up of Ira Ainsley, Ahsokie; Alvin J. Eley, Ahsokie; B. Z. Brown, Powellsville; Coy L. Brown, Roxobel and W. R. Raynor, Ahsokie.

Jenkins said that the firm first began operation in Roxobel in 1942, but that they later there was burned in 1948.

The plant in Aulander was built in 1949.

About three years ago the operation was sold to J. A. Pritchett, agent and trustee, of Windsor, and others, and Ira Ainsley has served as manager.

There were two deeds filed for recording at the office of the register of deed in Windsor. The first deed filed at 12:15 p. m. April 30 carried \$38.50 in revenue stamps. The rate is \$1.50 per \$1,000 consideration.

The deeds were from J. A. Pritchett, agent and J. A. Pritchett, Mamie S. Pritchett, E. R. Evans, Connie W. Evans, J. C. Ainsley and Mary R. Ainsley.

The second deed filed at 10 a. m. May 2 as a supplementary deed was for personal property in Mitchell's township (Aulander) and in Roxobel Township (Roxobel). There were no revenue stamps affixed to the second deed.

Winston-Salem School Wins Aycock Cup

Chapel Hill.—Reynolds High of Winston-Salem last Friday won the Aycock Memorial Cup for defeating Concord High School in the finals of the 43rd annual state high school debates at the University of North Carolina.

Reynolds High was represented by Simon Sosnik and Emerson Wall, while Concord High was represented by Mary Anna Glass and John Porter.

The query was, "Resolved: That the Federal Government should initiate a policy of free trade among nations friendly to the United States."

The Winston-Salem team took the negative side against Jefferson High School of Jefferson, and the Concord team was debating the affirmative side against the Gatesville High School of Gatesville. Katy Goodman and Julia Waters were representing Jefferson and Glenn Owens and Buie Costen represented Gatesville.

All four teams were selected in last night's preliminaries from a field of 12 teams from throughout the State.

UDC Has Meeting

Gatesville.—The United Daughters of the Confederacy met with Mrs. John Artz in her home last week.

The meeting was called to order and it was decided that wreaths would be made and placed on the graves of the Confederate soldiers Tuesday, May 10. It was further decided that a flag would also be sold on that day, which is Flag Day.

After the meeting Mrs. Artz served delicious refreshments to the members present.

PRENATAL CLINIC

Gatesville.—The regular well-baby and prenatal clinic will be held at the Health Department in Gatesville on Thursday afternoon, May 4, 1955.

Fines Handed Out On Traffic Violations

Gatesville.—Recorder's Court for Gates County convened in Gatesville, Tuesday, April 26, with Judge H. V. Beamon presiding.

Mackiva Spivey had to pay a \$20 fine and costs for improper brakes and muffler.

Jack Ezra Moore had to pay costs for failing to stop at a stop sign.

Failing to list for taxes caused Lionel Knight, Linwood Riddick and Francis M. Hart to pay costs and list.

Paying a \$10 fine each and costs for improper brakes were Calvin Thomas Askew, Charlie Dildy, Roy P. Long and Henry J. Cross.

James Jackson and Ernest Allen Powell, Jr. were found guilty of operating without a license and each had to pay \$25 fine and costs.

Improper equipment caused John Perry Baker to pay a \$10 fine and costs.

The court found LeRoy Norfleet guilty of operating without a license and driving on the left side of the road. He had to pay a \$25 fine and costs.

Charged with improper passing was Allen Lindberg Sessoms. The State takes no pros with leave.

The court ordered Elisha Royal Turner to pay costs for improper lights.

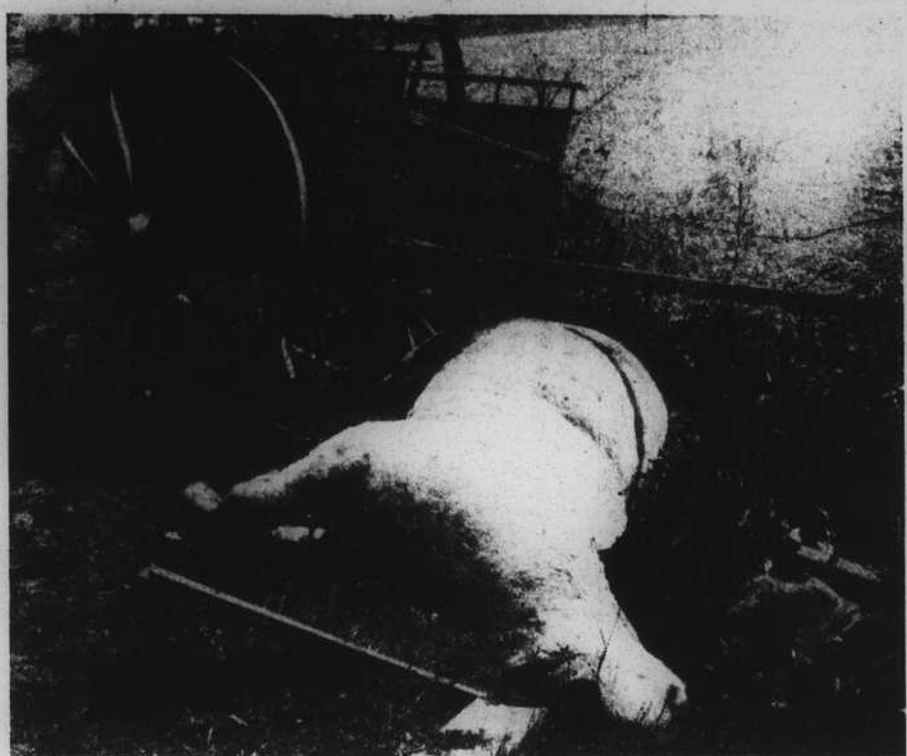
Pallet Hall was charged with assault with a deadly weapon and destroying personal property. After hearing the evidence the court found the defendant not guilty.

The court ordered a warrant to be served on Tim Benton, for failing to stop at a stop sign and having an improper muffler.

Improper lights caused John Goodman to pay costs.



AUSTIN T. HURLBERT, JR.—Took over his job as executive vice president of the Farmers Bank of Sunbury last Monday. He is a former employee of the Aemirican Bank Trust Company of Suffolk and succeeds W. O. Crump, who retired after serving the Sunbury bank for 40 years.



DEAD MULE—Charley Jenkins, elderly Negro of near Gatesville, is in the Ahsokie hospital suffering from head injuries while the mule he was driving lay dead beside the road near the Negro agriculture building. Jenkins was driving the mule to a cart which was struck by a car driven by Roland Bowser, Winton Negro. The mule was still lying beside the road late Monday and the accident occurred Saturday evening. Bowser was not injured.

Only 162 Beginners To Start School Next Year

BY MRS. ROY HAYES

According to the number of children examined during the preschool clinics the beginners enrolled will be much smaller for the school year 55-56 than it was for 54-55.

A total of 162 beginners have been examined to date—Gatesville and Hobbville were 100% with parents or grandparents present with each child; Sunbury had all but two parents present; T. S. Cooper had all but four parents present; and Buckland lacked 22 parents.

Following is the total number of beginners examined for each school:

Gatesville High School—31 with parents present.

Sunbury High School—20 with 18 parents present.

Hobbville High School—12 with 12 parents present.

T. S. Cooper—49 with 45 parents present.

Buckland—50 with 28 parents present.

We wish to continue stressing the importance of a parent attending the preschool clinic with the child. Our average this year is better than ever with 83% of the parents being present. If the Buckland parents had shown as much interest as all the other schools, put together the average would have been 95%.

The Health Department hopes to attain that goal next year.

Defective teeth heads the list of defects found in those examined. Care of teeth cannot be stressed too much and we in the health department urge parents to pay more attention to their children's teeth and start having the dentist check them early and regularly; be sure the child who begins school next fall sees his dentist this spring and summer.

There are a number of names on the list who have not been in

for the preschool checkup; these children should come to the Health Department on Friday mornings at 10 o'clock during the rest of May. Those who have not completed their immunizations should come anytime during the clinic hours 9 to 5 on Fridays during May.

Seniors Planning Baccalaureate Program Sunday

Hobbville.—The Rev. Ralph Knight of Edenton will deliver the annual Baccalaureate Sermon to the Hobbville Senior Class of the Hobbville School on Sunday evening, May 8, at eight o'clock in the school auditorium.

The invocation and scripture lesson will be given by Oscar Harrell who is a member of the class.

An anthem "Hallelujah, Praise Jehovah" will be sung by the glee club. Members of the graduating class are: Jesse Bass, Bobby Jeanne Bunch, Hollowell Eure, Billy Hobbs, Henry Warren Hobbs, Ronald Hollowell, Johnnie Lassiter, Louise Lassiter, Louise Moore, Mary Vaughan Nixon, B. G. Owens, Oscar Harrell, Alma White Stallings, Jessie Marie White, Dillard White and Fred Riddick.

Class night will be held on Friday evening, May 13, at which time the class will give a play "The Golden Feather." And the graduating exercises will be held on Monday night, May 16 at which time the Rev. Oscar Creech of Chowan college will deliver the address. Special choruses will be given by the high school glee club.

Board Gives Approval to School Budget

Gatesville.—The Board of Education approved a budget of \$38,515 to take care of the county's part of the 1955-1956 school year at their regular session last Monday.

The Board also moved to buy a tractor-mower to take care of all the school campuses in the county. Formerly the various Ruritan Clubs and Parent-Teacher Associations have combined their efforts and purchased a small power mower for each school every school year. The new tractor mower will take care of all the schools and its operator will be employed by the Board.

William Brown is to be the new cost and property clerk for the county school bus garage. He replaces Howard Eure.

The Board of Education also voted to build proper dressing rooms for the Gatesville school gymnasium. This money is expected to come from the sale of the Eure and Gates school properties.

Pvt. Byrum Ends Course at Gordon

Camp Gordon, Ga.—Pvt. Lloyd R. Byrum of Corapeake will graduate this week from the Pole Line Construction Course, one of the many courses offered at the Southeastern Signal School, Camp Gordon, Georgia. He is the son of Mrs. B. F. Byrum.

The Pole Line Construction Course, which is 8 weeks in length, trains selected enlisted men to construct, maintain and rehabilitate open wire, cable and field wire communications systems.

During his training, Pvt. Byrum received a technical education worth thousands of dollars. He will be reassigned to an active unit of the United States Army.

Gatesville BRIEFS

O the depth of the riches both of the wisdom and knowledge of God! How unsearchable are His judgments, and His ways past finding out! Romans 11-33.

No dashing rain can make us stay When we have tickets for a play. But is a drop the walk besmirch It is too wet to go to church. —Clipped

Bill Baines, Charley Perry and friends tried to run us down the other Saturday night to get a picture made of the 70 odd pounds of crappie they caught in Currituck. We didn't know a thing about it and drove away and visited friends until late bedtime.

Some folks visit church only four times: when they are Hatched, Matched, Patched, and Snatched!

With the coming of old age also comes forgetfulness. Last week, we carelessly forgot to publish an ad for the Towe Motor Company in Sunbury. Friend Pritchard was real nice about it and told us to get it in the paper this week. We did it.

Salesmanship

"Here's a book," said the agent, "which you can't afford to be without."

"I never read," answered the victim.

"Well buy it for your children."

"I'm single, I have no family. All I have is a dog."

"Well don't you want a nice heavy book to throw at the dog now and then?"

We give great credit to man when he comes up with a new invention, but these things are placed before us by a benevolent God, who gives them to us for our use and advancement. Man is only his instrument, which we should never forget. Yet we use these inventions, not as the good God intended we should, but we use them to our own death and destruction. With the coming of knowledge, the world is a divided state of fear. Our government is afraid. The world is a divided camp of fear, with lies and deceit in high places. With modern conveniences and transportation, we have become wise as Eve was wise when she gave Adam the apple in the garden of Eden. Very often our wisdom is our folly, our death and our destruction. (By Carlton Morris in a speech to Odd Fellows 1954).

The Civil Defense Administration is urging everyone to maintain a seven-day reserve food and water supply on hand as a home defense against nuclear attack. The CD says that this food should be in tin or glass and should be rotated regularly to keep a fresh supply on hand. In case of nuclear attack, fall-out might keep people in shelter anywhere from three days to a week, depending on the intensity of the radiation resulting from fall out from the hydrogen bomb. Of course it is already understood that we have all constructed safe bomb-proof shelters.

Note Burning At Warwick

Hobbville.—Next Sunday, May 8, Warwick Baptist Church plans to hold a note burning ceremony following the regular service, it was announced by the minister, Rev. Leo A. Phillips.

The parsonage built at a cost of \$16,000 is now completely debt free as the balance of \$2,500 was recently paid up.

The senior class from Hobbville school will visit the church for the service and Rev. G. M. Singletary, missionary of the Chowan Baptist Association will bring the message.

Senior Play May 4 At Gatesville

Gatesville.—"Carry Me Back to Old Virginia" is a song used to good advantage in a fascinating three-act romantic drama entitled "In Old Virginia," which will be presented by the Senior Class of Gatesville High School, Wednesday evening, May 4, at 8 o'clock in the school auditorium.

Here is a play that is gay and sad, funny and tragic; a play that will live in your memory for a long time. The first and last acts are modern, but the second act flashes back to Virginia of old, and we see the lovely old costumes and customs of a colorful period. The cast includes—all the members of the Senior class. An admission will be charged.

May Day At Gatesville Features Mother Goose



JANICE HARRELL



ETHEL PARKER

FFA Group Has Banquet

Hobbville.—Hobbville High School Future Farmers honored their dads tonight at the annual F. F. A. Banquet. The banquet was held in the social hall of Sandy Cross Baptist Church and a three-course dinner was served.

The banquet was climaxed by a program "A Progressive America." Highlights of the banquet were made by J. W. Weeks of Camden, who declared that "progress on the farm is only possible by better educated farmers." He stated, "that education was free and that it is a challenge to the farmer to secure it." His closing remarks were "That progress was only possible by a true christian way of living."

Three exhibits were displayed by the F. F. A. boys showing recent progress in agriculture. Guests present were the F. F. A. boys of the Hobbville chapter and their fathers; Messrs. C. H. Wiggins, L. A. Benton, the Rev. W. V. Brown, Alfred Stallings, Jr.; Wm. C. Chappell of Belvidere, and T. J. Jessup, Principal of the Hobbville School.

Future Farmer Officers for the year are: Billy Hobbs, president; Jesse Bass, Vice-President; Fred Riddick, Secretary; Henry W. Hobbs, Reporter; Howard Eure, Treasurer; and C. E. Reardon, Advisor.

DISTRICT MEETING

Gates.—The Sub-District Meeting of WSCS will be held at Savage's Methodist Church May 11 beginning at 10 a. m. The public is invited to attend.

Sugar and Spice and Love

Mothers of the World

BY CARLTON MORRIS

Mothers go down into the valley of the shadow of death so that the human race can continue on the face of the earth and then not content with their accomplishments, they spend the rest of their lives in humble servitude to their families.

Mothers are made of sugar and spice as well as love and human kindness and without them there would be no reason for existence on the earth. Mothers possess the greatest love there is and dispense it freely to help bind up the wounds of man.

Mothers never start wars or rumors of war, but spend their lives with bleeding hearts as their sons and daughters march endlessly away to war. The present turmoil and strife rampant in the world would end in a moment if the sons would allow the mothers to have their way.

Mothers count it a privilege to sacrifice for their children and having been closer to death than

Gatesville.—The public is cordially invited to attend the annual May Day Festival of the Gatesville School, Friday afternoon, May 6, at 1:30 o'clock. The student body will present "A Mother Goose Parade," which will entertain May Queen Ethel Parker of Gates. Her maid of honor will be Charlotte Casper of Eure. Members of the senior class will make up the entire May Court.

Music by the Gatesville band will add to the program of dances and pantomimes. Mother Goose will be portrayed by Janice Harrell, who will lead the parade of nursery rhyme characters. The "Mother Goose Parade" will include:

Mary Had a Little Lamb, First Grade; Little Boy Blue, First-Second Grade; There Was an Old Woman, Second Grade; Three Blind Mice, Third Grade; Hot Cross Buns, Fourth Grade; Peter, Peter, Pumpkin Eater, Fifth Grade; Pat-A-Cake Polka, Sixth Grade; Old King Cole, Seventh Grade; May Pole Dance, Eighth Grade.

The following nursery rhymes will be presented by the high school: Tommy Tucker, Three Wise Men of Gotham, Little Jack Horner, Sing a Song of Six Pence, Old Mother Hubbard, Simple Simon, Humpty Dumpty, Hi Diddle Diddle, Little Bo Peep, The Crooked Man, Jack Spratt, Jack Be Nimble, The Three Pigs, Queen of Hearts, Georgie Porgie, Tom the Piper's Son, Little Miss Muffet, Black Sheep, and Jack and Jill.

Affray Sends Walton Negro To Hospital

Gatesville.—Robert Walton, 25, year old Negro is in the Roanoke-Chowan Hospital in a serious condition from a stab wound that he received Saturday night at the home of his father Ed Walton.

Questioned Sunday by Sheriff L. F. Overman, he had this story to tell: At about 11 p. m. Saturday night, he went to the assistance of his sister, Sarah Walton, who was receiving a beating at the hands of Vernon (Pallet) Hall. The Hall Negro then stabbed him in the throat, he said.

Hall is charged with assault with a deadly weapon and was placed in the Gatesville jail by Sheriff Overman.

Carl Ed O'Neal and Robert Lee Cahoon were lodged in the Gatesville jail Saturday night after their car rammed into the back of one driven by Jerome Baker near Gatesville. Baker's wife and mother were treated for minor injuries by Dr. L. C. Hand.

O'Neal is charged with operating a car under the influence of liquor and reckless driving. Cahoon is charged with allowing O'Neal to drive his car while committing these violations. Both men are from Hyde County.

Lt. Perry Home

Gatesville.—First Lieutenant Ethwell Perry, U. S. Army, is home on in-active duty after serving the past seven months of his enlistment with the infantry in Korea.

Lt. Perry, having served his enlistment is now with the Army Reserve.

Lt. Perry makes his home with his mother, Mrs. J. E. R. Perry in Gatesville.



SUNBURY SENIORS—This is the graduating class of Sunbury High School caught in an informal pose by the photographer. This photo was used in the school annual. (Photo by Morris).