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Student Writes Winning Essay on Gen. Roberts

Gatesville.—Just before Gatesville school closed for this season, a contest for the best essay written on the life of William P. Roberts was sponsored by the members of the UDC and was opened to the students of the sixth grade only.

Allen Eure, son of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Eure of Roduco, was selected the winner by the judges and Mr. Hubert Eason, well known attorney, presented Allen with a five dollar bill, given by the UDC, on Monday, May 16, just before the school closed its doors for the season.

Here are some of the highlights of the essay written by Allen:

Brigadier General William P. Roberts was born on July 11, 1841 in Gates County. His history has given me the impression that he was brought up in a Southern home and in a christian atmosphere. He believed in the things that he had been taught and in the training which was given to him through his parents. He was definitely a southern patron and believed in its principals.

He joined the Confederate Army before he was twenty years of age. It wasn't long before his "military character" began to show. He possessed qualities only possessed by the greatest leaders of our country enabling him to become Brigadier General in less than six years after his first promotion.

Allen then went on to point out how gallantry, bravery, fortitude, and intelligence helped General Roberts and his men in all they undertook to accomplish. Despite his age General Roberts gained the respect of all his men and he proved to them he was capable of such respect time and again during the Civil War.

In his closing paragraph Allen wrote these words: "While Roberts soldiered, he showed bravery in activities. When he returned to Gates County, he showed courage towards the re-establishment of the state and the restoration of its prosperity."

"General W. P. Roberts died during the year of 1910. This event was the end of a series of leadership only matched by few men. He loved the people he fought with and they dearly loved him."

Two Cars In Smashup Last Weekend

Gatesville.—Patrolman A. S. Godwin reported one wreck in Gates County during the weekend involving two vehicles.

About 7:30 p. m. Sunday, Patrolman Godwin was called to investigate a wreck four miles north of Gatesville on highway 37 at C. C. Ruffin's store.

Robert Knight, 20 year old Negro of Gates, driving a 1951 Chevrolet sedan and Kirk Johnson, Jr., 24 year old Negro also of Gates and driving a 1955 Chevrolet sedan, were traveling north in the same direction on highway 37 when the accident occurred.

According to Patrolman Godwin, Knight was making a left turn in front of Ruffin's store when the car Johnson was driving overtook Knight's car striking it in the rear on the left lane of the roadway causing considerable damage to both cars. Knight and Johnson, drivers of the two cars, managed to escape uninjured.

The estimated cost of damage done to Knight's car in the left rear was \$200. The front of Johnson's car was more heavily damaged and the estimated cost was set at \$500.

No charges have been made pending further investigation stated Patrolman Godwin.

Easter Seals Sales \$588.39

Gatesville.—Mrs. J. L. Sawyer, chairman of the Gates County Society for Crippled Children and Adults, has announced that a total of \$588.39 has been collected for use in aiding crippled children.

Of this amount Mrs. Sawyer reported that 55 per cent of the money was retained for use in Gates County and the other 45 per cent has been sent to the State andation in Chapel Hill.

Mrs. Sawyer expresses appreciation to those who have cooperated in making the sale a success in the county this year and stated that she will be glad to accept any further contributions as the \$600.00 goal has not been reached.

Gates County BRIEFS

But why dost thou judge thy brother? or why dost thou set at nought thy brother? for we shall all stand at the judgment seat of Christ.

For it is written, As I live, saith the Lord, every knee shall bow to me, and every tongue shall confess to God. Romans 14:10-11.

Young son passing school building: "I'm shore glad to see that prison closed for a while."

Many, many thanks to Mrs. Hettie Lassiter of Weldon for the nice birthday card and remembrance on my birthday. It is for people like her that we continue to try to produce interesting copy for our Human Interest column that she praises so graciously. One of the worst troubles with being a columnist is knowing that so many nice people read it each week, yet you are never able to meet even a fraction of them. We gratefully accept any crumbs of thanks that may come our way and this always spurs us to greater endeavor.

Speaking of birthdays, friend S. S. White, who recently sold our highway safety page which is running in the Index, is now over in Bertie County working for the Bertie Ledger. Over in Aulander a lady approached him and asked if he knew my age. From my writing she had gathered the idea that I was about 55. A gentleman thought she was wrong and that I was at least 60 years old. Whitey told them that they were both wrong, and that I was the exact age of Jack Benny.

"Why, declared Whitey, "he never gets past 39."

It is now reliably reported that a new drug called Marezine will absolutely prevent sea sickness, as well as preventing anyone from becoming car sick, air sick or train sick. With a double dose of this remarkable drug, I might even try another trip to Oregon Inlet. In the past I have been afraid to jump a big ditch on account of sea sickness.

June 19 is Father's Day and no doubt the old boy will get it in the neck as usual.

A wife listens to her husband only when he is talking to another woman.

Mrs. J. M. Jolliff dropped in last week to tell us that she really took her money to market in a basket. It developed that she was talking about her eggs that she carried to the grocery for sale or exchange for groceries.

As we have said in this column before, we always need some good pictures. If you have one of you or friends that you think is good and will reproduce on newsprint, send it in to us with a few words about why it was taken and we will use it if we can. But remember we have to have the final say on it as very often a photo that looks good to you will not reproduce. If you have an idea for a good photo or story, drop the editor a line and we'll do the rest.

We would like to have more stories and pictures from Hobbville, Sunbury, Corapeake and Gates. We'll return your pictures or if you have the idea, we'll make 'em for you. Let us know what you have. And if your picture is too small, send us the negative along with the photo and we will make it big enough to fit news columns.

Vacation Bible School at Sunbury

Sunbury.—The annual Vacation Church Schools for Beulah Baptist, Damascus Christian, and Philadelphia Methodist Churches of Sunbury will be held May 30th through June 4th. Philadelphia Church is the host church for the school and Mrs. William P. Hudgins, Jr., will be the principal. Teachers have been selected from each of the participating churches.

The school begins at 8:30 a. m. each day. Pre-school registration will be held Saturday the 28th from 3 p. m. to 4 p. m. All children in the area from four to fourteen are urged to attend this school.



FISHING AT MERCHANTS MILL—Last Monday fishermen and fisherwomen were busy at Merchants Mill. Note the number of fisher folks at the left of picture. The new dam has been installed at the bridge but low water sends fishermen well away from the road.

W. J. Savage Dies At 48; Heart Attack

Gates.—William J. Savage, 48, died Wednesday morning with a heart attack. He was the son of the late Caleb J. Savage, a lifelong resident of Gates County and a deacon of the Reynolds Baptist Church. Besides his wife, Mrs. Minnie Nichols Savage, he is survived by his mother, Mrs. W. H. Horton, Whaleyville; one daughter, Mrs. Carlton J. Harrell, Gates; two brothers, R. J. Savage, Gates, and C. J. Savage, Portsmouth.

Funeral services were conducted Friday afternoon at three o'clock at the Reynolds Baptist Church. The pastor, Rev. Oscar S. Edmonds conducted the service assisted by the Rev. J. Sidney Cobb and the Rev. A. C. McCall, former pastors. Burial was in the church cemetery.

Active pallbearers were Henry Harrell, Lloyd Hayes, John Lee Smith, T. Bourie Parker, Thomas White and Thomas Bracey, members of the board of deacons. The body was removed to the Rountree and Hofer Funeral Home, Gatesville, where it remained until taken to the church one hour before the service.

Herbert Jones Passes at 74

Suffolk.—Herbert Jones, 74, of 271 Holladay Street, died Friday at 10 a. m. at the Louise Obici Memorial Hospital, after being stricken a short while before.

A native of Gates County, he was a retired farmer, a son of James B. and Josephine Brothers Jones of Gates County.

Surviving are his wife, Mrs. Florence J. Jones, of the home; four daughters, Mrs. John K. Riddick of Suffolk, Mrs. Charlie Mathias and Mrs. J. H. Duke, both of Nansemond County, and Miss Evelyn Marie Jones of Suffolk; three sons, James Herbert Jones of Nansemond County, Milton C. Jones and Frank Jones, both of Suffolk, and six grandchildren.

The body was removed to the I. O. Hill and Company Funeral Home, where it remained until Monday at 2:45 p. m., at which time the funeral procession left for the Parkers Methodist Church, Gates County. Funeral services were conducted at 3:30 p. m. by the Rev. F. J. Duplissey, pastor, and the Rev. R. E. Brittle, pastor of Bethlehem Christian Church. Burial was in the church cemetery.

KITRELLS SERVICE Gates.—Kitrells Methodist Church will observe its Memorial Service Sunday, May 29, at 10 a. m., with a sermon by the pastor, the Rev. F. J. Duplissey. The public is invited to attend.

Embroidering Is New Fad for Boys

Gatesville.—Since school is out and the youngsters find lots of spare time on their hands, they are always looking for new means of entertainment.

It seems the latest fad to hit the eleven and twelve year old boys of Gatesville is embroidering! The rain, which caused them to stay indoors, might have a little something to do with it.

Monday morning, George Williams, Jr., Dale Morris, "Fleet" Plyler and Dennis Joyner stopped by the office on their home well equipped with embroidery floss, needles and hoops. Seems as if they were going to give this new fad a try. . . and maybe keep out of their mother's hair a few minutes. "It is different and should be lots of fun," they said. Who knows but what one of us might turn out to be a famous "seamstress!"

Haven't heard the latest reports at this writing.

Printers who print "Your Home Newspaper" are best equipped to fill all your printing requirements—they will appreciate your orders.



BIG ONE—All the big ones don't get away according to Bill Baines of Gatesville who landed this big mouth bass which weighed almost six pounds. Baines caught this one in the Perquimans River near Hertford last Saturday morning.

New Officers Initiated at East Carolina

Greenville.—A traditional candle-lighting service was held Sunday, May 22, by the East Carolina College YMCA and YWCA for the initiation of new officers for the 1955-56 term.

Shirley Haskins of St. Louis, Mo., who has worked at East Carolina during the present school year on a grant from the Danforth Foundation and who has assisted with student religious activities on the campus, was the principal speaker on the program. She was introduced by Frank Moore of Farmville, president-elect of the college YMCA.

In a symbolic candle-lighting service, officers of the two organizations for this school year transferred to new officers their duties and responsibilities in the organizations. Principals were Eileen Lilley of Gatesville and John T. Hayes of Durham, retiring presidents, and Mr. Moore and Grace Jones of Kinston, presidents for 1955-56.

Farmers To Meet In Gatesville

Gatesville.—A meeting of interest to all farmers in the county is scheduled for next Tuesday night, May 31, in the agriculture building in Gatesville, it was announced by Bradford Jones, president of the Gates County Farm Bureau.

Good speakers and refreshments will be on the calendar. Jones said last Monday and he is urging all farmers to make it a point to be present as the meeting will be of great educational value to everyone.

Chief speaker for the occasion will be Joe S. Sugg executive secretary of the North Carolina Peanut Grower's Association and he is expected to talk over the peanut situation. The topics up for discussion will be peanuts, social security and a brief sketch on tobacco. Charlie Williams, extension specialist and William (Bill) Little, FB representative will be the other speakers.

This meeting will be of great value to all farmers, said Jones, and should clear up a great deal of confusion that has arisen around these controversial subjects.

Weeks Named Dairy Month Chairman

Elizabeth City.—Alton Weeks of Elizabeth City has been named June Dairy Month chairman for Gates and Chowan counties.

His appointment was announced by W. W. Foreman of Elizabeth City, chairman of Area 10 for the statewide observance calling attention to North Carolina's growing dairy industry, which means \$109,000,000 annually to the state's farm economy. "More than 35,000 North Carolina families are dependent for a living, or for a substantial supplemental source on income, on dairy farming," said Chairman Foreman. "Our observance will spotlight this fast-growing enterprise and also highlight the importance of milk and milk products in building and maintaining our people's health."

MEMORIAL SERVICES Gates.—Memorial services will be held at the Reynolds Baptist Church Sunday afternoon, May 29, at 3 o'clock, with the Rev. R. E. Brittle, pastor of the Bethlehem and Eure Christian churches, delivering the sermon. Special musical numbers from other churches are asked to come and bring a message in song. The public is invited.

County Needs 85 Pints For Bloodmobile Quota

Thieves Break In But Don't Always Steal

Sunbury.—Shades of John Dillinger, Jessie James and the last of the cattle rustlers, but it looks like Johnny Myers rides again for last Thursday night someone entered offices of the Towe Motor Company in Sunbury via the front window.

The burglar made entrance way simply by hurling a rock through the window, then reached inside and unfastened the steel frame. Only items missing was the keys to one of the used cars and a license plate. The car to which the keys belonged was not bothered and a small amount of change and pennies were not taken.

On the same night someone broke into the Sunbury cafe and robbed the juke box. A breakin was also reported from Belvidere. Walter Spence of the SBI is investigating the thefts.

FFA Chapter Has Wiener Roast May 18

Hobbsville.—The Hobbsville Chapter of Future Farmers of America gave a wiener roast Wednesday night, May 18, at Hobbsville Agriculture Department.

When planning this summer social to invite the Hobbsville Home Economic Girls as their guests. The girls accepted and all were present.

After a short welcome to the Future Homemakers and prayer by T. J. Jessup the group was treated to hot dogs with plenty of ice cream.

Those present were: The Future Homemakers, The Future Farmers, Mr. and Mrs. T. J. Jessup, C. E. Reardon, and other guests. Everyone enjoyed the food and fellowship at the party.

MEMORIAL SERVICES

Gates.—Memorial services will be held at Savage Methodist Church Sunday, May 29, at 3:30 p. m., following the Sunday School hour which is at 2:30.

The Rev. Fred Duplissey of Gates, pastor of the church, will conduct the services. The public is cordially invited to attend.

Correction Please

Gatesville.—The motion picture coming to the Gatesville Theatre Friday and Saturday, "She Should a Said No" was mistakenly advertised by the management as being a midnight show. This is a mistake. The picture will run at the regular time each night.

Our community project this year was making the drapery for the new health department. The writup of our observance of National FHA Week as it appeared in the Gates County Index was reprinted in the state magazine.

During April we prepared a radio program on safety in the home, taken in part from our national magazine, Teen Times. The program was presented over WGAL, Elizabeth City from a recording. We enjoyed working on the program and visiting a radio station. Home Safety was a part of our national project.

April 28 we held our annual Mother-Daughter Barquet in the home economics department. We presented the Emblem Service as part of the program.

Gwendolyn Eure, president; Janice Harrell, song leader; Karen Brown, vice president; Ann Brown, degree committee chairman; and Myrna Johnson, reporter and our adviser are planning to attend FHA camp at White Lake the week of May 30. Each camper will have an opportunity to participate in a committee on some phase of leadership training and program planning for FHA work along with other varied and interesting activities.

Reporter—Myrna Johnson.

Gatesville.—The bloodmobile is scheduled to come to Gates County on Tuesday May 31, it was announced this week. Donors are urged to be at the Health Department between the hours of 10 a. m. and 4 p. m.

Mrs. Stephen Eure with several women in the community will be on hand to help with the operation.

Gates County has two trips scheduled for the bloodmobile in 1955 and has a year's quota of 170 pints. This means that the bloodmobile will have to collect at least 85 pints on each visit, according to C. Lydon Harrell, M.D., director of the Red Cross bloodmobile program.

Dr. Harrell pointed out that the blood center delivered to hospitals during March, 124 and two third pints of blood each day of the 31 in that month. This did not include shipment to the Department of Defense.

In recent weeks, Dr. Harrell said, the blood center has had a great deal of difficulty and trouble with chapters canceling or postponing operations. Since January 1, the blood center has had five cancellations and four postponements. This greatly interferes with the bloodmobile schedule and the entire blood program, he said.

There has been a heavy demand for the O and B type blood donors during recent weeks, and Red Cross officials are hoping for a large number of these types at the Gates County operation next Tuesday.

Homemakers At Raleigh Meeting

Gatesville.—The Gatesville Future Homemakers of America club members Karen Brown, Dorothy Williford, Rebecca Langston, Florence Eure, Deloris Parker and our adviser, Miss Doris Mitchell attended the 10th year anniversary celebration convention in Raleigh on May 14 along with several thousand other girls and their advisers. The theme for the program was "Tomorrow Beckons for Leaders of Better Homes."

Gov. Hodges talked briefly to the group. We received greetings from Billy Whitaker, state FFA president, Kit Mason, Directors of McCull Pattern Service held a fashion revue for summer clothes for teenagers. The highlight of the program was a play, "Home For Zebidiah" written by John Ehle, University of North Carolina, and presented by the Goldsmaguers of Goldsboro under the direction of Clifton Briton.

In the early spring Mrs. Roy Hayes, health nurse, spoke to us concerning the services of the Health Department. At the remainder of monthly meetings we planned programs concerning the FHA Club in order to learn more about the club.

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Prenatal Clinic

Gatesville.—The regular well-baby and prenatal clinic will be held at the Health Department in Gatesville on Thursday afternoon, June 2.