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## Full Day For Schools Wednesday

Gatesville.—All county schools opened last Tuesday, right on schedule, and settled down Wednesday to a full working day, according to Superintendent W. C. Harrell. All schools have a full complement of teachers with the exception of Sunbury, where three more are needed.

According to Superintendent Harrell, that school needs social studies, home economics and math teachers. Mrs. Frank Pierce has agreed to fill in as social studies teacher and A. J. Eure is filling in as math teacher. It was pointed out by Harrell that they are only filling in as teachers in these two subjects until other teachers can be hired.

Sunbury enrolled 213 in the elementary school and 133 in the high school last Tuesday. Gatesville had 307 in the elementary grades and 192 in high school. Hobbsville had 112 enrolled in elementary grades.

The two Negro schools, Buckland and T. S. Cooper, had a total enrollment of 1,431 in all grades. Buckland has 576 enrolled in the lower grades and 172 in high school. T. S. Cooper has 554 elementary students and 129 in high school.

The county will get two replacement buses next Friday, it was announced by Harrell.

## 2-Car Wreck Sends Woman To Hospital

Corapeake.—A wreck occurred Saturday night on Highway 32 just one mile south of Corapeake, sending one woman to be hospitalized.

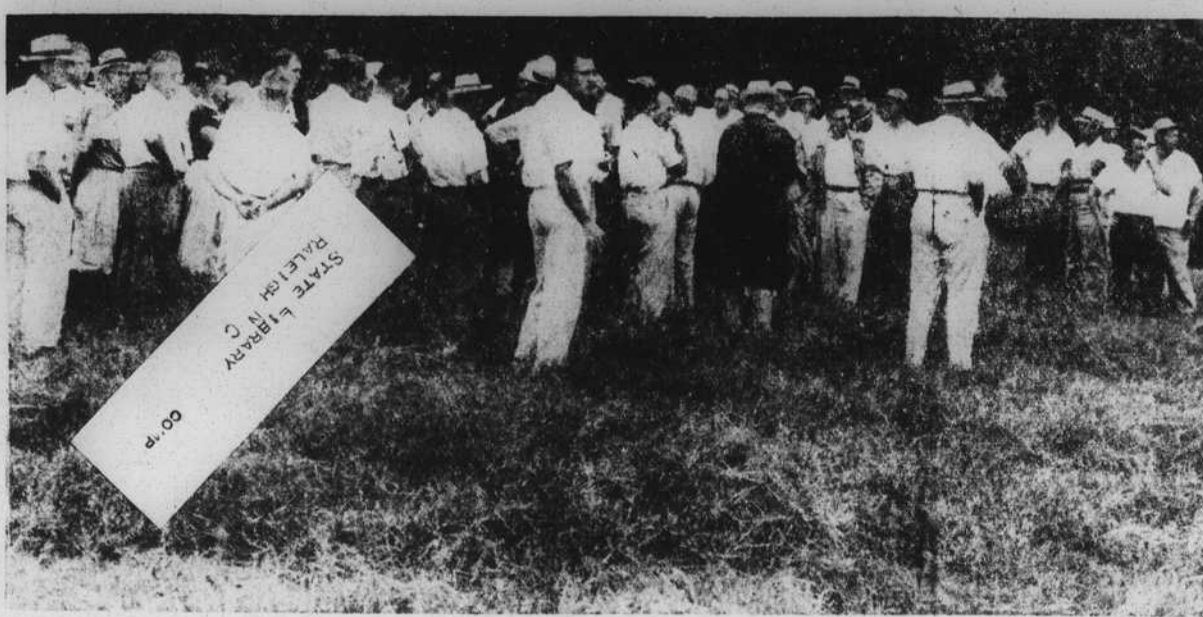
William A. S. Godwin, who was traveling with her husband, said the wreck happened about 8:55 Saturday night at the intersection with Morgan's Road. He said that a 1951 Pontiac sedan, operated by John Emmett Brown, 58-year-old white man of Troutville, Va., was traveling south on Highway 32 when the 1950 Ford sedan, operated by Abram Daughtry, 62-year-old Negro of Portsmouth, entered the highway and struck Brown's car in the right front.

Mrs. Lillian V. Brown, who was traveling with her husband, was taken to Obies Hospital by George Kittrell. She sustained lacerations of the head and a broken arm. Her condition was termed as satisfactory by the doctors.

Patrolman Godwin charged Abram Daughtry with reckless driving and failure to yield the right of way. Daughtry's bond was set at \$100 and he is to appear in court on September 13 to answer these charges.



**ERNIE**—Young son of Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Askew, enjoyed the wiener roast last Friday for the Gatesville baseballers. He isn't old enough to play yet, but did right well with the hot dogs. In fact, he was so busy he didn't have time to even pull up his pants.



**FIELD DAY**—Approximately 200 agriculture teachers and farmers visited J. G. Pollock's 21 acres of Coastal Bermuda Grass Tuesday. Only a part of them are shown in this photo.

All were enthusiastic about the potential of the new grass for pasturage and ensilage as well as hay. (Photo by Carlton Morris.)



**COASTAL BERMUDA GRASS KNEE DEEP**—This field of Coastal Bermuda Grass was mowed only a few weeks ago, but now supports 50 head of cattle part of which are shown here

standing knee deep in the luxuriant growth. Cattlemen say it is the answer to a prayer for dry hot weather grazing. (Photo by Carlton Morris.)

## Small Amount Salk Vaccine Now Available

Gatesville.—Three hundred and forty children in the first and second grades received the first dose of Salk Polio Vaccine during April, 1955. One hundred and nineteen white children received the second dose in May, 1955, before instructions came to stop giving the vaccine.

The second shipment of vaccine was received this August, and 138 colored children have received the second dose—making a total of 259 children getting the second vaccination.

We have some vaccine on hand which will expire September 1, enough for seven children to get two doses; and some which expires October 1, enough for 34 children to receive it, making a total of 41 children who may have the Salk Vaccine for polio if their parents will bring them to the Health Department and sign a card giving permission to have the child vaccinated. The age limit is one to nineteen years. The time to come will be the ones to get it until our supply is exhausted. This will make it possible for us to use all the vaccine on hand before it expires.

Vaccination days at the Health Department are Wednesday, August 31—9 to 12; Friday, September 2—9 to 12 and 2 to 5 p. m.; and each Wednesday and Friday at the same hours through September.

## Observers to Hold Alert

Gatesville.—The Ground Observer Posts in this area have been requested to participate in a three-day exercise starting at 8 a. m. Tuesday, September 6, until 5 p. m. Thursday, September 8.

The name of this exercise will be "Late Summer." Purpose of the exercise is to provide a maximum of training in air defense work.

It is important that all posts in the Durham Air Defense Filter Center Area take part during the entire period of this exercise. However, part-time participation is desirable of posts that cannot operate during the entire period.

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## Little Crowd Has Good Time At Joint Picnic

By JOHN ARTZ

A little crowd had a big time at the Farm Bureau—Home Demonstration Club picnic at Colerain Beach last Friday afternoon. The fact that schools were in operation and several revivals going on in the county probably kept many members of both organizations from attending but even at that, there were folks present from all seven townships.

Soon after 5 o'clock the good ladies had unpacked their picnic baskets completely covering the long tables with a variety of choice, appetizing foods such as Gates County women are noted for.

Immediately following the supper, Bradford Jones and Mrs. Frank Barnes, presidents of the two groups, led the crowd in games and contests and awarded

merchandise prizes to all winners. Merchants, whose names are not available at this time, gladly donated the prizes for which the two organizations are most grateful.

Mrs. Frank Barnes won over all guessers in estimating the weight of a watermelon, lacking only a few ounces of a perfect answer.

The biggest family award went to Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Nixon, of Gates, with four children, Mom and Pop present.

Mrs. Mary Benton, Trotville, broke the law of the ladies, and gave her weight to win that prize but the figure is not for publication.

It so happened that two men weighed the same so they drew for first place with the honor, if you want to call it that, going to C. V. Cross, Sr., of Gates. We don't mind stating the weight was even 200 pounds.

Charlie Cross qualified for two prizes or rather he had a part in winning them. He and Mrs. Cross were declared the oldest couple. See PICNIC, Page 2

## A. P. Rountree Passes at 80; Rites Saturday

Gates.—Alfred P. Rountree, 80, died at Roanoke-Chowan Hospital, Ahoskie, Thursday night after a lingering illness. He was a native of Gates County and the son of the late Alfred and Rebecca Rountree.

Besides his wife, Mrs. Annie Eure Rountree, he is survived by three sons: Charlie W., Herbert F. and Dillard M. Rountree, all of Gates; one daughter, Miss Elizabeth Rountree of Raleigh, and three grandchildren.

Funeral services were conducted Saturday afternoon at 3 o'clock at the Gatesville Baptist Church. The Rev. J. L. Walter Moore, pastor, conducted the service. Burial was in the family cemetery at the old Rountree homeplace, where he was born and raised.

Active pallbearers were W. H. Lawrence, Harry Lawrence, Walter Eure, C. M. Williams, C. W. Rountree and Henry Piland. The body was taken to the church one hour before the service from the Rountree & Hoffer Funeral Home.

## Coastal Bermuda Answer To Hot Summer Months

### Help Those In Distress

The Gates County Chapter of the American Red Cross is issuing an urgent appeal to everyone in this area to help out with the current disaster relief fund as quickly and as generously as possible.

As has been stated, the one saddest feature of disasters is that those who are hit hardest and hurt most are those who can afford it least.

Frequently there is misunderstanding on the part of people that those made destitute by disaster can obtain direct grants from federal funds allocated for disaster relief. This is not the case, since under the law families cannot be assisted by the government directly.

The government does make certain public funds available on a loan basis to families and businesses, and public funds both federal and state are used to repair disaster damage to roads, bridges, and other public properties. In all cases, however, the individual family in need must look to the Red Cross. Any money sent to the Red Cross will go directly to those people who are just beyond the reach of official help.

This week, the Gates County Chapter of the Red Cross is issuing an urgent appeal to every church in the county, asking them to take up a collection next Sunday for the disaster victims. Individuals are urged to send in their checks and contributions made out to the American Red Cross. Send them to Horace Carter in Gatesville. He is chairman of the Red Cross and will see that the money reaches its proper destination in short order. The county has a quota of only \$150.

## Public Asked To Attend Council Meet

Gatesville.—The public is urged to attend the next meeting of the Gatesville town council which will be held Tuesday, September 6, instead of Monday which is a holiday.

The council is hoping to get a report from town citizens on the effectiveness of the present mosquito control program. They will also discuss public health, safety and several other matters and will welcome suggestion from the public, they say.

Among the items of business to be discussed by the Council will be present plans for further street improvement, better use of Waste Receipts by the public, proper use of Garbage Dump by citizens of the Town, and plans for developing a Town Betterment Program.

The Town Betterment Program will include ways and means of promoting Health, Safety, Beautification and public convenience in the Town. To make such a program successful, the citizens of the Town will be asked to give freely of their ideas, suggestion and cooperation. Further information will be given on this program at a later date. The public is cordially invited to help formulate this program at the meeting on September 6.

## Pastorium Is Dedicated 28th

Gates.—Reynoldson Baptist Pastorium was dedicated at the eleven o'clock worship service last Sunday.

Open house was held in the afternoon in the pastorium. The congregation and friends came to see the new house. The Missionary Society served as hosts during the occasion. Friends were conducted through the house and served refreshments by members of the Women's Missionary Society.

## Gates County BRIEFS

But ye are not in the flesh, but in Spirit, if so be that the Spirit of God dwell in you. Now if any man have not the Spirit of Christ, he is none of his. Romans, 8:9.

Correction, please! The phone rung last Thursday just about closing time. It was none other than Millard Taylor informing us that we had the wrong Taylor as winner of the watermelon contest. Seems as if we gave the credit to M. T. Taylor and it should have been M. R. (Millard) Taylor. The strange part is he didn't know we had made the mistake until it was announced over the radio. Wonder why he didn't see it in the Index? He subscribes to it! We are very sorry to have made that error, and we were also sorry the winning watermelon was rotten!

Some people don't have much to say, but you have to listen a long time to find it out.

People in Gates County have a great deal to be thankful for. During a tour through neighboring counties last Sunday, we saw thousands of acres that literally will not produce a hill of beans. Cotton, soy beans, pastures were dead and rotten for miles after miserable little Salt water stood over the land for more than a week and many farmers say they will not even take their tractors and equipment out this fall to plow a crop. There isn't any crop to harvest. No one can say exactly what percentage of damage has been done in Tyrrell, Hyde and Beaufort. Hyde is estimated at 70 per cent loss and Tyrrell at 50 per cent. We should be eternally thankful in Gates County, because we have escaped with so little damage.

Too many people itch for what they want, but aren't willing to scratch for it.

Has anyone taken the time to notice how summer is passing so fast? See BRIEFS, Page 2



**WIENER ROAST**—Gatesville Pony and Little League baseballers and their girl friends had a ball last Friday afternoon when J. K. Wyatt gave them a wiener roast back of his office in Gatesville. The two clubs came in a long way from the top in the league, but this was their first year and they are planning to do

better next season as they have gained valuable experience, according to their coach, Ernest Askew. Also present at the wiener roast last Friday were Mr. and Mrs. Wyatt, Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Askew, Mr. and Mrs. Carlton Morris, Mr. and Mrs. Hayes Carter, Duke Hill, Mrs. E. P. Storey and Mary Storey.

## Supplement for Regular Pastures

Gatesville.—If Coastal Bermuda grass isn't the answer to any cattleman's prayer, then it comes very close to it, according to the experts. At least that was the general opinion when agriculture teachers gathered in Gates County Tuesday afternoon for a look at the largest single planting of this versatile grass in the state.

J. G. Pollock, agriculture teacher at Gatesville High School was host for the occasion and his planting of Coastal Bermuda, numbering 21 acres was visited by agriculture teachers, soil conservationists, county agents, extension specialists, fertilizer representatives and just plain farmers from at least 24 northeastern counties in North Carolina and Virginians from as far away as Williamsburg.

Coastal Bermuda is a hybrid between Tift Bermuda and another grass introduced to this country from South Africa. It was developed by Dr. Glen W. Burton, principal geneticist, Georgia Coastal Plain Experiment Station at Tifton, Ga., and its growth and habits are similar to common Bermuda (wire grass), but according to Pollock it is about three times more productive and is liked much better by cattle.

At a briefing held in the Gatesville school auditorium, Pollock was asked if cattle like the new grass. As long as they continued to eat it, he was not worried about their tastes in the matter, he said. He said he didn't like eggs, but had continued to eat them each morning for breakfast for the past 40 years.

He is very enthusiastic about the grass being used for summer feed. It will fill in the hot weather gap in July, August and September when Ladino Clover and Fescue grass is at its lowest peak of production, he said and will grow on dry ridges where other grasses and legumes are least productive and is very definitely the answer to the problem of erosion.

On one field of some 10 acres, Pollock has a herd of 50 cattle, (Herefords crossed with Short Horns) which he said had been grazing on the pasture within two weeks after it was cut over for hay. The grass was knee deep Tuesday, and the cattle were unable to keep it down. Ordinary legumes would not support near that many cattle on the same acreage, he said.

Pollock pointed out that Coastal Bermuda is not a grazing crop to supplant Ladino Clover or Fescue grass, Orchard grass or Lespedeza, but is of immense value to supplement these crops.

According to William (Bill) LaRue, associate editor of The Progressive Farmer, Coastal Bermuda is extremely valuable to any cattle raiser during hot dry months, as it is affected little by the weather. He said many farmers were reluctant to try it because of its relationship to common wire grass, but everyone became enthusiastic once they realized its potential as summer feed and ensilage.

The entire group numbering about 200 visited Pollock's farm at Gatlington and continued on to Gatlington Hunt Club for a barbecue supper.

Present on the field trip were E. N. Floyd, of the Plant Food Institute of North Carolina and Virginia, P. B. Elliott of Woodland, District 1 supervisor, A. G. Bullard, assistant state supervisor, L. E. Pettyjohn of the American Bank and Trust Company, Gates County soil conservationist N. B. Baker and Gates County Agent John Artz.

## Revival Set for Reynoldson

Gates.—Revival services will begin at Reynoldson Baptist Church Monday, September 5, and continue through Sunday, September 11. Services will begin each night at 8 o'clock.

The Rev. Ralph W. Knight, pastor of Ballards Bridge Baptist Church in Chowan County, will be the visiting evangelist. Music will be under the direction of the Rev. Oscar Edmonds, pastor of the church. Special music will be provided each night by various church choirs.

The public is invited to attend these services and hear Rev. Knight, who has a vital message for our time, according to Rev. Edmonds.