

Polio Vaccine Available Under Federal Program

Gatesville.—Polomyelitis vaccine is now available in the Gates County Health Department, in limited amounts, under the Federal vaccine program. This is the beginning of a new program and a new shipment of vaccine. The first program, under the National Foundation of Infantile Paralysis, was closed October 10 and all vaccine unused was returned. Gates County's allotment is 360 cc's or enough to take care of 180 persons, including pregnant women and children.

The priority age group has been broadened to include the five to nine years age group, the birth through four years age group, and pregnant women. Vaccine now available, however, will first be used for pregnant women and to complete the five through nine year age group, as it is not known when sufficient vaccine will be available for the second priority—birth through 4 years of age.

Parental request blanks for the five to nine year group will be distributed to the schools in the near future, for the children to take home so that a parent may sign and send back to school if he desires the vaccination for a child.

There are no charges for the vaccine according to Mrs. Roy Hayes, public health nurse.

Sunbury to Hold Big Halloween

Sunbury.—The Sunbury Halloween Carnival will get underway at 7 o'clock Friday night, October 28, with games, eats and fun for all. Fish pond, cake walk, balloons, bingo. The Boy Scouts will have hot dogs and drinks for sale.

Costumes will be judged and prizes given for the "cutest" and "driest." Programs will begin at 9 o'clock in the auditorium with each grade taking part.

Each grade has selected a queen. The beauty queens will be chosen Friday night.

- 1st grade—Ann Garrett
- 2nd grade—Anne Byrum
- 3rd grade—Ora Lee Mathias
- 4th grade—Faye Hollowell
- 5th grade—Ina Williams
- 6th grade—Delores Russ
- 7th grade—Mary Knight
- 8th grade—Nell Ann Brinkley
- 9th grade—Nancy Mathias
- 10th grade—Gloria Hoffer
- 11th grade—Blanche Riddick
- 12th grade—Blanche Riddick

Edgar Cross Funeral to Be Wednesday

Gatesville.—Edgar Cross, 87, died Monday at noon after a lingering illness. He was a life long resident of Gates County and a retired merchant. He was the son of the late Thomas E. and Martha Gatling Cross.

He is survived by two sons, E. Hathaway Cross, Raleigh, and Alfred Walton Cross, Gatesville; three daughters, Misses Sallie Norfleet and Elma Dixon Cross, both of Washington, D. C., and Mrs. A. A. Rohdin, Glenridge, N. J.; one sister, Mrs. Daisy Cross Mizelle, Washington, D. C., and three grandchildren.

Funeral services will be conducted Wednesday afternoon at two o'clock at the Gatesville Baptist Church. The Rev. J. L. Walter Moore, pastor, will conduct the service assisted by the Rev. H. A. Bizzell of the Gatesville Methodist Church. Burial will be in the Gatesville Cemetery.

The body will remain at the Rountree and Hoffer Funeral Home until taken to the church one hour before the service.

SUNDAY SERVICE—

Corapeake.—Rev. Alphonso Jordan of Raleigh will be the minister at Eureka Baptist Church next Sunday, October 30, it was announced. Services will begin at 11 a. m. and Mrs. Jordan will bring some special songs. The public is invited to attend.

TURKEY SHOOT

Gates.—The Gates Ruritan Club will sponsor a turkey shoot on October 19 beginning at 11 a. m. The Home Demonstration Club will serve hot meals at the Gates Community building, it was announced.

Gates County BRIEFS

Because the foolishness of God is wiser than men; and the weakness of God is stronger than men. Corinthians 1-25.

Gates County hunters didn't do so good during the past weekend. No bucks were reported as killed though some were chased.

And in case anyone is still interested, the fish were still biting last Saturday. This time they were really hitting at Cape Hatteras. Round heads (sea mullet) a few spots, puppy drum, gray trout and some fish we didn't know the name of, were taken there Saturday.

The editor and Bill Johnson, along with youngster David Williford, all of Gatesville had a good time, with Johnson landing a drum weighing about four pounds. Johnson and the editor pulled a fish story that no one believes. Johnson made a mighty cast and his whole line ran off the reel and kept right on going into the Atlantic Ocean, bait hooks, sinker and line. A few minutes later the editor hooked the line and reeled it in, whereupon Johnson threaded it back on his reel and reeled it in, it had a fish on one of the hooks. Young Williford took the fish off and he wouldn't lie for anybody, even if Johnson will.

Two ducks walking together: said one to the other "Quit walking like a woman wearing slacks."

The traveling salesman ran out of gas on a lonely road and asked at the only house in sight, "Can you put me up for the night?" "I reckon so," replied the farmer, "if you don't mind sharing a room with my young son." "Good heavens," gasped the traveling man, "I'm in the wrong jolt."

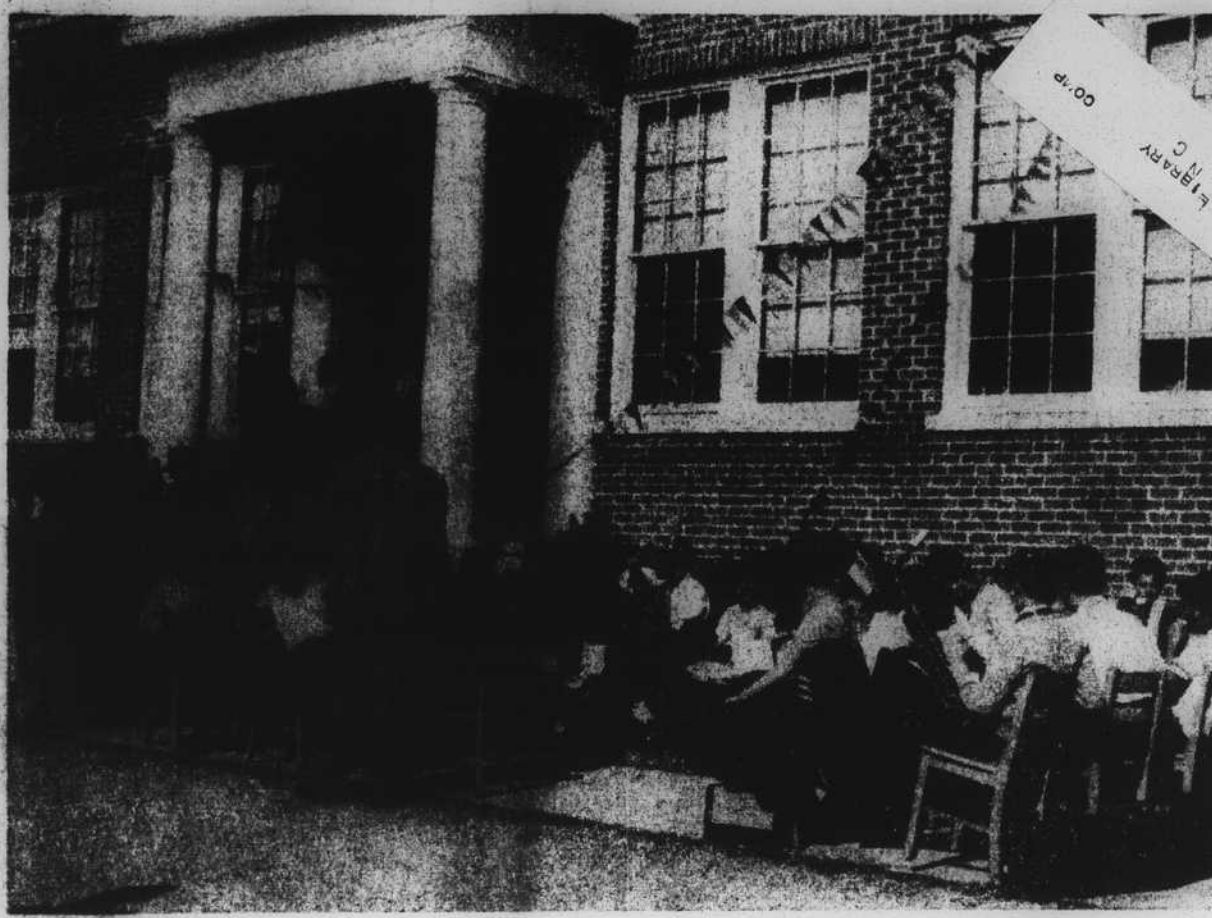
Recognition Banquet for 4-H'ers

Gatesville.—The Home Demonstration Agent, Miss Lydia Griffin and the County Agent, John Ariz, will accompany eight 4-H members to the annual banquet to be held this coming Saturday at Edenton. The member's name and his or her county winning achievement for this year is as follows: Betty Rea Riddick, Hobbsville, Clothing, Dairy Foods and Farm and Home Electric; Loreta Beaton, Trevolite, Dress Recipe and Vegetable Use; Ann Overman, Hobbsville, Health Improvement and Dairy Foods, (individual); Gwendolyn Eure, Eure, Home Improvement; Gloria Hoffer, Hobbsville, Public Speaking and Dairy Foods (team); Burton Barnes, Corapeake, Farm and Home Electric; and Eugene Gray, Sunbury, Tractor operator. Glenn Owens, Gates, boy winner in public speaking is entitled to go but is now a Freshman at the University of N. C. Mrs. Horace Overman, mother of Ann, will also go with the group. The banquet is for the purpose of honoring those county winners in the Albemarle for their achievements in Club projects.

Trip To Asheville
Two of the County's best 4-H Club members plan to leave Edenton in a bus early next Sunday morning for a three-day free trip to Asheville where they will attend the annual Farm and Home Electric Congress sponsored by the several utility companies in the state. The county winners to represent Gates are Betty Rea Riddick, Hobbsville, daughter of See BANQUET, Page 5

Superior Court Next Monday

Gatesville.—Superior Court will convene in Gatesville next Monday, October 31 with Judge Chester Morris presiding.
A large number of both criminal and civil cases will be on docket. Gates County now has three terms of Superior Court each year. In addition to the November term, court will be held during the fourth week in March and a civil court will convene on the fourth week in May.



CHANT OF THE AUCTIONEER—J. G. Pollock in front of the PA system on the Gatesville school steps is busy trying to auction off some of the merchandise accumulated by the Gatesville Ruritan Club at their first Harvest Day Festival last Friday.

Ruritans were not too pleased with the results they said, as most people were too busy trying to harvest late crops and didn't have time to attend the event as was expected.

Carlton Morris's Fair Going Complicated by:

Three Women, Two Kids and 100-Pound Printing Order

By CARLTON MORRIS
"Age" has a way of creeping up like a thief in the night and about the best way to come to realize your age is to attend the North Carolina State Fair with two boys, age three and 12 and three women. That combination will make a man grow old before his time.

J. W. Jethro Dies Thursday On Tractor

Edenton.—John William Jethro, 59, died while driving a tractor on his farm at Corapeake Thursday at 2:45 p. m. He was a native of Washington County, but farmed in Chowan County until five years ago when he moved to Corapeake.

Surviving are his wife, Mrs. Ora E. Jethro; a son, J. W. Jethro, Jr., of Great Lakes, Ill.; three daughters, Mrs. Philip Sawyer of Hertford, Mrs. Lindsay Williams of Corapeake, and Miss Elsie Jethro; a brother, Dallas Jethro of Edenton; two sisters, Mrs. Earl Outlaw of Edenton and Mrs. Herbert Jordan of Suffolk, and seven grandchildren.

Mr. Jethro was a veteran of World War II and a member of the Yeopim Baptist Church. Funeral services were conducted Sunday at 2:30 o'clock at the Williford Funeral Home. Burial was in Beaver Hill Cemetery.

Walter F. Morris Dies At 78; Life Resident

Gates.—Walter F. Morris, 78, lacked only a few days of reaching his 79th birthday when he died at 9:25 Monday evening in the Roanoke-Chowan Hospital after a long illness.

He was the son of the late Ephraim Taylor Morris and Sally Speight Morris of Gates County. He was a farmer and life resident of Gates County and he served as deacon and superintendent of the Sunday School at Middle Swamp Baptist Church for many years.

He is survived by his widow, Mrs. Beulah Smith Morris; nine children; Judge Chester Morris of Coinjock; Rev. W. D. Morris of Scotland Neck; E. Tommy Morris of Barco; J. Corbell Morris of Ahoskie; Gladstone Morris of Gates; Rev. Ed. Morris of

get the whole trip to the fair straight, in my own mind.

To start with I had a big batch of printing matter to deliver to the Harrington Manufacturing Company. To complicate matters further, this company is located in Lewiston as every one knows, but the printing had to be delivered in Raleigh, or to be more specific, to their fairground display of farm machinery. And to complicate matters still more, I didn't know what they were displaying at the fair and didn't have the faintest idea where they were located on the fairgrounds. Thereby hangs my tale. Actually it was my tongue that was hanging out before the story was ended.

My Better Half and two boys and our neighbor, Mrs. W. J. Johnson and her teen-age daughter, Peggy, arrived at the fair grounds about 10:30 a. m. on a beautiful clear, crisp autumn day and I'll admit that even my old heart got a lift out of the atmosphere that is always associated with a day at the state fair.

Since the printing weighed a hundred pounds or more, I was immediately faced with the problem of both finding Harrington Mfg. Co. and delivering the material, with a minimum of effort and time on my part.

How the State Highway Patrol and the Wake County Sheriff's office got into the situation is still a sort of puzzle to me.

Anyway I drove to one end of the fair grounds and parked in a No Parking zone, got out and ducked through traffic to the other side of busy U. S. Highway 1, approached a Highway Patrolman and told him

my troubles. He said that I would not be able to get inside the fair grounds with my car, but he was quite sure I would find Harrington in the Industrial building and it was back at the other end of the fair. He directed me to a good spot to turn my car around then held up

traffic until I got across the highway in my lane. Back I drove to the other end of the fairgrounds with my kids getting impatient indeed.

I pulled up in front of a vehicle gate where another patrolman stopped me. I told him my See FAIR, Page 5

Baby Contest Ends Thursday

Gatesville.—The baby contest is usually a highlight of the annual Halloween Carnival at the Gatesville School, and this year it will not be necessary for the babies to be photographed to enter the contest.

All money should be turned in to Mrs. Bill Johnson at the Theater Grill by 4 p. m. Friday, October 28. Additional votes may be taken until 7 p. m. All money should be turned in at this time.

All mothers are urged to be in the auditorium at 7 p. m. contest closing time. The winner and the runner-up will be announced at 7:15 p. m.



JIMMY SNELL



BOBBY JONES



BILL WINN



STEVE ASKEW

Gatesville and Sunbury Without Bus Service

Bureau to Kickoff at Wednesday

Gatesville.—The annual Farm Bureau kickoff meeting will be held Wednesday night, October 26, in the Theatre Grill in Gatesville with A. C. Edwards as guest speaker.

This will be the beginning of the 1955 membership drive with a goal of 600 members for Gates County.

All solicitors are urged to attend, according to Bradford Jones, Farm Bureau President.

Gatesville.—The annual Farm Ruritans held their Auction Sale last Friday clearing around \$325.00. Due to the small crowd the morning sale was postponed until 2 p. m. After the barbecue lunch, President Pollock acting as auctioneer started the sale by selling a box of cookies baked by Mrs. George Cockey to George Williams for \$1.00.

Over a hundred items were sold by 4 p. m., some selling above retail price. The Ruritans found they still were only half through. So the auction was halted due to few buyers and many in the crowd had to leave. President Pollock and the finance chairman, B. B. Powell, decided to hold the remaining items. On hand for sale are many items.

A ham raffled off by Paul Hoffer, B. B. Powell and P. F. Edwards brought in \$49.00. Willis Taylor reports a good attendance at the dance held Friday by the Ruritans.

Mrs. Blanchard Passes Away; Funeral Sat.

Sunbury.—Mrs. Ida Blanchard, 77, died at her home here Thursday afternoon at 4:30 after a lingering illness. She was the wife of the late Edward W. Blanchard and the daughter of the late John and Martha Eure.

She is survived by five sons: Lonnie E. Hampton, Herbert L. Jersey City, N. J., Alton E. Sunbury, Emmett C. Portsmouth, and Edward C. Gates; four daughters: Mrs. F. L. Brinkley, Suffolk, Mrs. F. R. Chappell, Belvidere, Mrs. L. M. Wiggins and Miss Sallie Mae Blanchard, Sunbury; one sister, Mrs. Annie Atkinson, Suffolk; six grandchildren.

Funeral services were conducted Saturday afternoon at 3 o'clock at Beulah Baptist Church. The pastor, the Rev. W. V. Brown, conducted the service, assisted by the Rev. A. J. Eure. Burial was in the Blanchard family cemetery. Active pallbearers were Frank Eure, Edward Eure, D. E. Blanchard, Arthur Collins, W. E. Brown and Clinton Eley.

The body was removed from the Fountree and Hoffer Funeral Home, Gatesville, to the church one hour before the service.

Popularity Contest to Highlight Halloween

Gatesville.—The Senior class of Gatesville High School is sponsoring a popularity contest to select a king and queen from the Primary, Grammar and High School classes to be crowned on October 29 at the Halloween Carnival. Contestants for each section are as follows:

Primary group—first and second grades, Linda Hand and Jimmy Eason; first grade, Nelson Harrell and Elizabeth Askew; second grade, Teresa Eure and Edward Lee Moore; third grade, Edna Turner and John Ward; fourth grade, Vernon Cowper and Peggy Carter.

Grammar group—fifth grade, George Williams and Joy Brown; sixth grade, Nellie Yelton and Jimmy Parker; seventh grade, Billie Cox and Welsford Artz; eighth grade, Shirley Eure and Junie Umphlett.

Gatesville.—Carolina Coach Company won permission for the State Utilities Commission yesterday to discontinue service between Roduco, Gatesville and Sunbury.

The Commission said there wasn't enough passenger business to justify requiring the bus company to continue operating over the route at a loss.

State Sen. A. Pilston Godwin, Jr., told the Commission at a hearing last week that the change would leave Gatesville and Sunbury without bus service. Carolina Coach representatives brought in figures to show the service is poorly patronized.

The run through Gatesville and Sunbury is part of a daily round trip schedule operated between Rich Square and Norfolk. The Company said that the Rich Square-Norfolk run costs an average of 41 cents a mile and takes in an average of 20 cents a mile in fares. Most of the fares are collected, it said between Norfolk and Portsmouth.

The decision was made in a recommended order written by Commissioner Ralph Moody. Recommended orders are subject to review by the full Commission.

"We are not unmindful of the fact," Moody wrote, "that Gatesville is the county seat and that the abandonment of discontinuation of the franchise or routes in question would leave Gatesville without passenger bus service, but there is no obligation to serve a county seat unless public demand, patronage, or in other words, public convenience and necessity require the service, and the same is true with any potential demand because of the location of a correctional institution near Gatesville."

"We reach the conclusion, therefore, that the franchise authorizing the operation of passenger buses over the route should . . . be abandoned."

Big Carnival At Gatesville High School

Gatesville.—Final plans and preparations are under way at Gatesville School for the biggest Halloween Carnival ever to be offered the students and parents of this section.

There will be a costume contest with prizes given for the first, second and third best Halloween costumes.

The highlight of the Halloween Carnival will be in two phases: The baby popularity contest and the selection of Kings and Queens of the Halloween Carnival. Prizes will be given to each king and queen from the grammar, primary, and high school grades, with four grades represented in each group.

Both elementary and high school buildings will be open for the fun and frolic of the Halloween Carnival with various Halloween activities presented by each grade.

The Halloween Carnival will begin at 8:30 p. m. Sandwiches and drinks will be sold in the lunchroom until the Halloween Carnival is over.

Sub-District Meeting

Gatesville.—The sub-district meeting of the WSCS will be in Edenton at the Main St. Methodist Church on October 31, at 10 a. m. with adjoining counties combined. Everyone is invited to attend.