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Jerry Ann Peoples Will Speak in Sunbury Nov. 19

Public Invited to Hear About UN

Sunbury. — Miss Jerry Ann Peoples of Elizabeth City will be the featured speaker for Holly Grove Odd Fellows on November 19 in the Sunbury High School auditorium.

Miss Peoples, a senior in Elizabeth City High School, was sponsored by the First District Odd Fellows on a tour of the United Nations last year and is expected to speak and show films on her trip to the UN, it was announced.

This year, a student from one of the two Gates County high schools will be selected to visit the UN, and again will be sponsored by the First District.

Holly Grove Odd Fellows are planning a short program on November 19 and are inviting everyone to attend. Conrad P. Plyler, music teacher at Sunbury, will be in charge of the music and will present some of his students in song and music. Miss Peoples will speak and present films of her tour for about 30 minutes, she said.

A number of Odd Fellows are expected to attend from Elizabeth City and all Odd Fellows from Gates County are being requested to be at the school by 7:30 p. m. and will sit in a group.

The program is expected to get underway not later than 8 p. m. with the Rev. Fred T. Wright of the Damascus Christian Church of Sunbury, leading the devotionals. The public and especially high school students are invited to attend as one student will be making the same tour this year and could get some valuable information from the talk by Miss Peoples.

Gatesville to Take Part in S-D Day

Gatesville. — The President's Committee for Traffic Safety has announced S-D Day (Safe Driving Day) will be observed throughout the nation on Thursday, December 1.

Nearly 200 national organizations have pledged their support in the campaign leading up to the Nation's second S-D Day. Every principal Federal agency, all state governments, and many municipal governments have pledged their support. Gatesville also has pledged its support.

All plans for S-D Day are based upon recognition of the fact that the place to fight accidents is in the community and that the responsibility rests upon each individual. The purpose of S-D Day is: "To demonstrate, again, the need for every individual to recognize his personal responsibility for safe driving and safe walking."

In 1954, there were 36,000 deaths and 1,250,000 injuries from automobile accidents. Twenty-seven thousand of these fatal accidents occurred in rural areas and 9,000 in urban centers; therefore, the problem is more acute in such a community as ours.

Not a single traffic accident during the 24-hour period in daylight or darkness, is the goal.

Sunbury Class Will Present 3-Act Comedy

By MARY ELLA BASS

Sunbury.—The Junior class of Sunbury High School will present "Betty's Millionaire" a three act comedy, on Friday night, November 11, at 8 p. m. in the school auditorium.

The characters are as follows: Betty Brown, Jymme Parker; Peter Adams, Burton Barnes; Sam Palmer, Eugene Gray; Sue Weatherbee, Betty R. Riddick; Nancy Fletcher, Novella Rountree; Mrs. Evangeline Brendinger, Peggy Brown; Augustus Winslow, Frank White; Thaddeus Atterbury, Wallace Riddick; Nora, Loretta Benton and Lillie Daniels, Anita Goodwin.

The play is under the direction of A. J. Eure, Jr.

There will be an admission charge.

The public is cordially invited to attend.

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Bloodmobile in Hobbville Nov. 28

Gatesville. — The Red Cross semiannual call for blood donors is being issued this week by the Gates County chapter of that organization. The bloodmobile will be in Hobbville on November 23. It has been announced. The Red Cross unit will be at the Hobbville school building all day beginning at 10 a. m.

Brooks Morgan of Sunbury is chairman of the current blood program drive. Directors are Chester Edwards, W. M. Spivey, P. D. Hobbs, S. P. Cross, E. P. Storey, R. E. Miller and J. M. King.

Carlton Morris and P. P. Cross are the publicity com. ee. Boys and girls over 10 and men and women 65 and under are eligible to donate blood. The quota for this visit of the bloodmobile is 100 pints.

As is the usual procedure, doctors and nurses will be on hand to examine all donors, it was announced.

Chairmen of the drive for Negro donors will be Professors I. R. Barcliff of Buckland High School and H. F. Creech of T. S. Cooper High School.

E. T. Stallings Dies Sudden Last Saturday

Belvidere. — Edwards Thomas Stallings, 65, died suddenly at his home at 7 o'clock Saturday night from a heart attack. He is the son of the late Reuben and Mary Stallings and a native of Perquimans County.

Besides his wife, Mrs. Sallie Stallings, he is survived by one son, S. E. Stallings, Belvidere; daughters, Mrs. Edward Pell, Swboro, and Mrs. Asa Stallings, Belvidere; four brothers, Alfred and Charlie Stallings, Hobbville, W. D. and Maxie Stallings, Belvidere; two sisters, Mrs. Charlie Riddick, Hobbville, and Mrs. Oscar Riddick, Belvidere; eight grandchildren.

Funeral services were conducted Monday afternoon at 2:30 at Sandy Cross Baptist Church. The Rev. W. V. Brown, pastor, conducted the service. Burial was in the family cemetery.

Active pallbearers were Ernest Stallings, Elton Meads, Alton Stallings, Clifton Bunch, Jr., Ellis Stallings, Elbert Riddick and McKay Riddick.

Funeral arrangements were from the Rountree & Hoefler Funeral Home, Gatesville.



FREE FISH FRY—It was free fish for everyone at the Morgan Chevrolet, Inc., last Friday when the new cars were introduced. Brooks Morgan said a constant flow of visitors were present throughout the day. L. Q. Pierce was in charge of the fish fry which was held in the garage adjoining the show room and he was serving rock fish and that Gates County delicacy, cat fish.

Mrs. Spivey Dies at 79

Hobbville.—Mrs. Sallie White Spivey, 79, died at her home Thursday morning after a lingering illness. She was a native of Chowan County; the wife of the late Trotman Spivey and the daughter of the late William and Lucrity White.

She is survived by three sons, Irvin D. McCoy and Jacob S. Spivey, all of Hobbville; one daughter, Mrs. L. C. Briggs, of Hobbville; two brothers, L. D. and S. W. White of Hobbville; one sister, Mrs. John White, of Gates; eight grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren.

Funeral services were conducted Saturday afternoon at Warwick Swamp Baptist Church by the pastor, the Rev. Lee A. Phillips. Burial was in the church cemetery.

Active pallbearers were Floyd White, Lycurgus White, Winice White, Raleigh White, Carlton White and Rudy Parks.

Funeral arrangements were from the Rountree & Hoefler Funeral Home, Gatesville.

Peace Study

Zion.—The Woman's Societies of Christian Service of Zion and Philadelphia Methodist Churches will have the study, "Efforts for Lasting Peace," at Zion Church on November 15. Mrs. J. Earl Richardson of Edenton will present the study which begins at 3 p. m. All those interested in this study are cordially invited to attend.

CHURCH SUPPER

Eure.—There will be a barbecue and turkey supper at the Eure school building Saturday night, November 12, at 5 o'clock, sponsored by the Woman's Missionary Society of Eure Baptist Church. Music will be rendered by the Lassiter boys throughout the evening. Everybody is invited.

Phelps Ordered to Serve Manslaughter Sentence

Gatesville.—Willie Phelps, Corapeake Negro, who was found guilty of manslaughter at the March term of Superior Court in Gates County, in the death of young Jimmy Monds, lost an appeal to the Supreme Court and was ordered to start serving his sentence.

Phelps appeared briefly before Judge Chester Morris at the November term of Superior Court last week and was told he would have to begin serving the sentence at once. Young Monds, who attended Sunbury school was struck by Phelps' car near his home at Corapeake as he walked along the highway last fall.

Phelps drew a 5-7 year sentence, but appealed to the Supreme Court.

Other Cases

Arthur Hall pleaded guilty to the charges of possession of illegal liquor and possessing illegal liquor for sale. He was given a 12-months road sentence that was suspended and was placed on probation for a term of four years to violate no law, that he must not possess, transport, sell, offer for sale or drink any intoxicating beverages of any kind, nature or description. He was fined \$300 and cost of court.

Willie Phelps and Claude Patterson were charged with manufacturing and possessing illegal liquor for sale. After hearing the case the jury returned a verdict of not guilty.

Charged with larceny, Herman Best pleaded guilty and Judge Chester Morris sentenced him to six months on the roads.

William Blair had two charges of forgery against him when he appeared before the Superior Court. The charges were consolidated for trial and judgment. He was found guilty and Judge Morris sentenced him to not less than 12 nor more than 18 months on the roads on the forgery charges and 12 months for uttering. These sentences to run concurrently.

4-H'ers Go to Asheville for Electric Meet

By BETTY REA RIDDICK and BURTON BARNES

Sunbury.—We were very proud to have the honor of attending the State 4-H Farm and Home Electric Congress held in the George Vanderbilt Hotel in Asheville.

By winning out in the county, we were entitled to attend the Congress. All expenses were paid by four power companies. They were: Carolina Power and Light Company, Duke Power Company, Nantahala Power and Light Company, Virginia Electric and Power Company. It was estimated that the trip cost around \$75.00 per person to attend.

The power companies chartered Trailway buses to take us. Along with Mr. Artz and club members and Agents from surrounding counties we were ready to begin our trip. We boarded the bus at different stops along the way. The bus started at Elizabeth City, from there to Edenton where we got on about 7:00 a. m. Then on to Williamston, Bethel and Wilson, where other club members got on our bus. By this time we were heading for Asheville. We had rest stops along the way and a delicious box dinner near Aberdeen. We went by Fayetteville, Charlotte and Shelby and at 8:00 See MEETING, Page 5

Leonard Lilley In Germany

Mainz, Germany.—Pvt. Marion L. Lilley, 19, son of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Lilley, Gates, recently participated in Exercise Cordons Bleu, a NATO maneuver using U. S., French and British troops, in West Germany.

The exercise was a joint training operation staged to teach the three-power forces to work together under simulated battle conditions. It was a counter-offensive action against an "aggressor" force.

Private Lilley, an assistant machine gunner with the 370th Armored Infantry Battalion's Company B, entered the Army in October 1954 and arrived overseas last March. He attended Gatesville High School, where he was a star basketball and baseball player.

Divorces were granted to Julius B. Fox, Jr., versus Betty Jean Fox; Cherry Ruth Umphlett Twine versus Robert Lee Twine and Amos L. Greene versus Eunice V. Greene.

Juniors to Present Play at Gatesville On November 11



LARRY JORDAN



HANNAH RIDDICK



BEASLEY EASON

Gatesville.—"The Antics of Andrew," a three act comedy, will be presented Friday, November 11, in the Gatesville High School Auditorium.

The play is about a giddy college youth Andrew Browne, played by J. B. Freeman, Jr. Who persuades his trusting millionaire uncle in New Zealand to give him an allowance for the support of a purely imaginary wife and a fictitious mother-in-law.

The play has a cast of fourteen. They are as follows: Petunia, Andrew's dinky cook—Hannah Riddick; Andrew Browne, a Senior in Cameron College, J. B. Freeman, Jr.; Jacques, Andrew's French butler and valet, Carl Clappell; Willie Waldo, Andy's pal, Larry Jordan, Harold Hadley, Andy's other pal, Beasley Eason; Althea Thorne, Andy's sweetheart, Anita Paige Eure; Julie Baynton, Harold's sweetheart, Anne Brown; Betty Baynton, Willie's sweetheart, Nancy Brown; Dean Sacrates Baynton, Dean of Cameron College, Richard Jernigan; Isaac Zimmerman (Uncle Isaac), Andy's millionaire uncle from New Zealand, George Parker; Miss Prunella Thorne, a maiden lady in love with the dean, Mary Gray Cowper O'Flarity, a detective from headquarters, Carlton Johnson, Rowle, O'Flarity's shadow, Billy Howell; Rev. Doolittle, a man of mystery, Neal Jones.

The production staff consists of Billy Howell and Carlton Johnson, chairman for stage building committee; Betty Jo Savage and Florence Eure, properties and sound effects; Gwendolyn Eure, prompter; Shelby Speight, publicity, with Mrs. P. F. Owens coach.

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Gatesville PTA To Meet Thursday

Gatesville.—The Gatesville Parent-Teachers Association will observe National Education Week Thursday night of this week (November 10) at the association's regular meeting. The time is 8 o'clock.

Mrs. J. K. Wyatt, who has charge of the program, announces that after the devotional by the Rev. Henry Bizell and the usual business session, the parents and visitors will be invited to visit the various rooms. In other words the "open house" idea will be carried out and a large attendance is anticipated. Mrs. Mildred Godwin, Miss Doris Mitchell and others on the hospitality committee are inviting the patrons of the school to a social hour in the lunch room.

County to Try For Water Relief

Gates County BRIEFS

How great are His signs! and how mighty are His wonders; His kingdom is an everlasting kingdom and His dominion is from generation to generation. Daniel 4-3.

A few years ago I joined the State Literary and Historical Society and it is constant source of surprise to me, that this organization is able to send so much to members in the way of excellent reading material. Just don't know how they do it with only \$3 per year membership dues.

J. R. Freeman of Gates called in last Monday and asked us to remind everyone that the Gates Ruritan Club is sponsoring a turkey shoot on November 19 and they are still planning to furnish free coffee. But you'll have to buy your lunch if you get any.

One lady called and said she wanted to announce her daughter's coming wedding, but said she was so nervous she couldn't talk and so would bring it in next week. I always thought it was the bridegroom that was nervous in cases like this. Mine was a long, long time ago, but the best I can remember, I was scared to death and as a matter of fact I'm still nervous 20 years later.

A woman is the only trap that uses herself as bait.

Sometimes the "Long way round is the shortest way home." That proved to be the case of the Morris family last Sunday morning when they all went home to church. Trying to make it in time for Sunday School, took a short cut through a private road which would save 18 miles. Got within five or six miles of home and found the private road cut in twain with no detour. Had to retrace our way and drive the extra mileage anyway. Late for Sunday School. The moral to this story, if there is any, is "look before you leap," or "be sure your gas tank is full when you travel unknown roads."

Peanut farmers in the Brantley Grove section of Hertford County are not in complete accord with an announcement made by their county agent that peanuts are good this year. They were harvesting seven to 10 bags per acre they said, and that ain't good peanuts.

Goose hunters should find good shooting at Lake Mattamuskeet this year according to our information. Farmers didn't bother to harvest their crops as they were damaged severely by the hurricanes and thus there will be plenty of feed.

Tried to break the game laws last week, but had no success. Driving along with the oldest son and a whole road full of wild turkeys dashed out ahead of us. First wild turkeys either of us. See BRIEFS, Page 5

Board Accepts Resignation of Two Teachers

Gatesville.—The Gates County Board of Education accepted the resignation of Mrs. Genevieve Smith who was 8th grade teacher at Gatesville school. Mrs. Helen Willey was appointed to take her place on the Gatesville school faculty, it was announced Monday.

Negro school teacher, Mrs. Fannie R. Sawyer, resigned as fourth grade teacher at Buckland following a heart attack. Annie Jones Burke was named to that position. November 11 will be a holiday in both Negro schools as teachers will attend a teacher's meeting in Elizabeth City.

The Board of Education moved to accept the annual Rawls scholarship of \$100 to the outstanding white and Negro senior in the county.

Sunbury school has purchased an activity bus, it was announced.

PTA MEETING Sunbury.—The Sunbury PTA will meet in the school auditorium on Wednesday night, November 9, at 7 o'clock.

Mrs. Clinton James, publicity chairman, urges all members to attend.

Go Ahead Signal On New Building

Gatesville.—N. B. Baker, Gates County soil conservationist, was appointed representative to look into the possibility of securing disaster funds for a drainage program needed since the recent hurricanes.

Baker's appointment was made by the Board of Commissioners at their regular meeting last Monday. The county should be eligible for federal funds according to Baker and he made a trip to neighboring Chowan County to study the methods used there to secure the needed assistance.

There are a number of sections in Gates County badly in need of drainage during wet weather such as occurred during the recent hurricane period Baker said, and a group of Middle Swamp farmers appeared before the Board of Commissioners last Monday asking for some relief in their section of the county. Baker said he would make a survey of the county to determine the most serious drainage problems.

In another action, the Board of Commissioners and Board of Education smoothed out their differences over the proposed new office building and architect Owen Smith got the green light to go ahead with plans for its construction as early as possible, though he said last Monday that it was doubtful if work could be started on it before sometime next year.

There seemed to be no complications about space as needed by the Board of Education, but Smith said the new building would have 4,600 feet of space not including the boiler room. This is an increase of 600 feet above the floor See RELIEF, Page 5

150 Join Farm Bureau First Week

By JOHN ARTZ

Gatesville.—The annual drive for members in the Gates County Farm Bureau is under way toward a goal of 600 members so says Bradford Jones, President. At a meeting of township directors and community leaders last Friday night the 150 mark had been reached with two communities of reported—Hall and Holly Grove.

Jones is urging each one of the men he has contacted by either card, telephone or personal visit, to get busy and contact as many farmers in his neighborhood as possible before November 18 at which time a other meeting of leaders will be held to determine progress made. At the beginning of the drive, October 26 at the kick-off supper, Jones had asked 60 farmers to contact ten men each, either old members or prospective members. By so doing, Jones figured that the county quota could be obtained most easily and quickly. But unfortunately this idea, a very good one, is not working, consequently a few Farm Bureau minded men in each township are having to try to do the job.

This organization on the state level has helped peanut growers in four ways that we know about and can see for ourselves right here in the county. (1) The Farm Bureau has been instrumental within the past four years in organizing the N. C. Peanut Growers Association which promotes the use of peanuts and more research in the production of the crop as well as in the control of insects and diseases. (2) The organization led in the establishment of the Peanut Growers Cooperative Marketing Association which guarantees every farmer the support price on his crop, according to the grade. (3) The 3 per cent tax on farm machinery has been taken off due to the F.B. interest in the farmers. (4) The importation of peanuts in 1955, originally set for 200,000,000 pounds was cut to 50,000,000 pounds through the efforts of the Farm Bureau. These are only four ways in which Gates County and all other North Carolina peanut growers have been benefited by this national farmers organization.

The fee for joining this year is \$5, of which \$1.50 stays in the local treasury. If the farmer does not join to help his own interests, how can he expect any other organization to help him.