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60 Attend Vet Dinner at Sunbury

Sunbury.—Forest Dunstan, Elizabeth City attorney and Post Department Commander of the Veterans of Foreign Wars, was the guest speaker at the Veteran's Day dinner in Sunbury last Thursday night.

Dunstan spoke on the hopes and aims of the VFW and reminded his listeners that all veterans of all wars should be remembered.

The dinner was sponsored by the Gates County Memorial Post 7312 VFW and the Ladies' Auxiliary of the same Post and about 60 members and guests of the two organizations attended. R. G. Morris is Commander of the Post.

Hunter Morgan Past Commander of the Post welcomed the ladies present and his wife, Mrs. Hunter Morgan, who is president of the Ladies' Auxiliary welcomed the men and their guests.

R. L. Shirlen, principal of Sunbury High School gave the invocation.

Hunter Morgan introduced the speaker. A turkey dinner was served by the home economics class of Sunbury High School.

The Gates County Post is sponsoring a membership drive and all veterans with overseas service are eligible to join whether they have been contacted or not, according to Commander Morris.

Regular meetings are now being held in the new hut about two miles west of Sunbury on highway 158 on the second and fourth Thursday of each month.

Members say they expect to have the new hut completed shortly.

W. B. Raby Dies Last Tuesday; Rites Thursday

Gatesville.—William B. Raby, 67, died at his home here Tuesday morning after a lingering illness. He was a native of Gates County and the son of the late Richard and May Etta Raby.

He is survived by two sons, Darrell A. and W. Albert Raby, both of Gatesville; two daughters, Mrs. J. I. Ferguson, Portsmouth, and Mrs. E. E. Wert, Ahoskie; one sister, Mrs. Martha E. Adkins; three grandchildren.

Funeral services were conducted at the Gatesville Methodist Church Thursday afternoon at 3:30. The Rev. H. A. Bizzell, pastor, conducted the service, assisted by the Rev. J. L. Walter, pastor of the Gatesville Baptist Church. Burial was in the Gatesville Cemetery.

Active pallbearers were L. T. Lilley, Jr., Thomas Mize, C. W. Rountree, L. G. Webb, McCoy Langston, Robert Nixon, R. A. Brown and Eley Jordan.

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

County Agent's Report On Wheat, Oats In County

By JOHN ARTZ

Gatesville.—Sometime in August I sent out a card questionnaire to all farmers whom I thought had grown either oats or wheat this year. I am pleased to state that almost everyone mailed his card back. It concerned his yield, fertilization, variety, etc. Here are the answers from the twelve who replied and I'll take them in no certain order:

R. G. Morris, Sunbury, Oats (Arlington), 10 acres, 500 bushels 50 bu. per acre top dressed with 250 pounds ANL per acre, planted October 15. Wheat (Atlas 66) 5 acres, 150 bu., 30 bu. per acre, top dressed with 300 pounds ANL per acre, planted Nov. 15.

R. A. Howell, Gates, Oats, 7 acres, yield, 250 bu., 35.7 bu. per acre top dressed with 350 pounds ANL per acre, planted November 20. Cleamon Eure, Eure, Wheat (Atlas 66), 8.7 acres, yield 260 bu., 26 bu. per acre, top dressed with 700 lbs. 14-0-14 per acre, planted December.

L. E. Smith, Eure, Wheat, 13 acres, yield 325 bu., 25 bu. per acre, planted in October.

Miss Essie, Whedbee, Gates, Wheat, 13 acres yield 400 bu., 26.7 bu. per acre, top dressed with ANL, Atlas, planted November 5.

M. E. Umphlett, Gates, Wheat



WOMAN'S AUXILIARY OFFICIALS—These ladies are the officers of the Ladies' Auxiliary of the Gates County Memorial Post, VFW, and they were present at the Veteran's Day dinner held in the Sunbury school cafeteria last Thursday night. Left

to right, they are: Mrs. R. G. Morris, Mrs. Brooks Morgan, Mrs. Hardy Greene, Mrs. G. B. Morgan, Sr., Mrs. D. W. Williams, Mrs. R. E. Bagley, Mrs. Hunter Morgan, president, Mrs. C. P. Hathaway and Mrs. Sam Pierce.

G. C. Darden Dies Sudden Last Monday

Gates.—Garland C. Darden, 77, died suddenly at his home Monday night. He was born in Hertford County, and the son of the late Campbell and Betty Darden.

He is survived by his wife, Mrs. Margaret W. Darden; one foster son, W. J. Darden, Portsmouth; two daughters, Mrs. John Lee Felton, Portsmouth, and Mrs. Martin Tinkham, Suffolk; one step-daughter, Mrs. Melba Strait Denver, Colorado; five grandchildren; five brothers, Forest Darden and T. W. Darden of Norfolk, C. P. Darden, J. W. Darden and P. C. Darden of Norfolk; two sisters, Mrs. D. W. Morris of Portsmouth and Mrs. Roy Hanson, Mesa, Arizona; several nieces and nephews.

Funeral services were conducted Thursday afternoon at 2 o'clock at the home. The Rev. B. A. Mitchell and the Rev. R. E. Brittle conducted the services. Burial was in the family cemetery at the home.

Active pallbearers were J. M. Darden, R. W. Darden, Garland Darden, T. W. Darden, Jr., R. D. Hare and T. A. Pierce.

Funeral arrangements were from the Rountree and Hoffer Funeral Home, Gatesville.

Mount Airy Visitors

Sunbury.—Mrs. L. A. Rountree and Miss Eunice Rountree spent last weekend at Mount Airy visiting Mr. and Mrs. Hertel Rountree.

Many Liquor Cases Faced Court Last Tuesday

Gatesville.—Claude Patterson went before the judge of Recorder's Court in Gatesville Tuesday, November 8, with four charges of possession of illegal liquor for sale and the sale of illegal liquor against him.

He was found guilty of each of the four charges and Judge H. V. Beamon sentenced him to serve 18 months in the common jail of Gates County to work the roads under the supervision of the State Highway and Public Works Commission for each of the charges, the sentences to run consecutively. Six months of each sentence was suspended upon the payment of \$200 fine and costs. Appeal was noted in each case in open court and his appearance bond was set at \$300 for each of the charges.

Charged with the possession of illegal liquor for sale, Claude Patterson again went before the judge, Vernice Patterson, also charged with the same offense, appeared before the judge. Motion to dismiss was allowed in the case of Vernice, but Claude Patterson received the same sentence as he did in the above cases. Again he noted an appeal in open court to Superior Court and again his appearance bond was set at \$300. Six months of this sentence was also suspended upon payment of \$200 fine and costs.

James Edward Eason was found guilty of drunken driving and Judge Beamon sentenced him to six months in jail. His sentence was suspended, however, upon payment of \$150 fine and costs and he was placed on probation for a term of two years. He noted an appeal in open court to Superior Court and his appearance bond was set at \$300.

William LeRoy Smith and Frances R. Smith went before the court charged with possession of illegal liquor and possession of illegal liquor for sale. William Smith received a nine months' jail sentence that was suspended upon payment of \$100 fine and one-half the costs. Frances Smith was sentenced to be confined to Woman's Prison for a term of nine months. Her sentence was also suspended upon payment of \$100 fine and one-half the costs. Each defendant was placed on probation for a term of two years and not to violate any law.

Charged with drunken driving, reckless driving, speeding and transporting illegal liquor Charles R. Nichols was found guilty and

Goose Hunting In Full Swing

Gatesville.—"Goose Hunting" is a mighty popular sport among the people of Gatesville.

Taking time off to do a little shooting at Lake Mattamuskeet last week were: Ernest Askew, Hayes Carter, Claude Bundy, Dr. LeRoy Hand, Jr., Jimmie Wagoner, Aaron Lilley, Bill Baines, H. V. Beamon, Ashton Lewis, Bill Eure, Stephen Eure, Horace Carter, Gordon Beamon, Mrs. Sallie Mae White, Miss Lavelle Ward and her friend from Newport News, Mr. and Mrs. Paul Edmonds and children and Mr. and Mrs. A. P. Godwin and children.

Don't Borrow the Neighbor's Paper

Man, too stingy to subscribe to his hometown paper, sent his little boy to borrow a copy from his neighbor. In haste, the boy ran over a stand of bees, and, in 10 minutes, he looked like a wart summer squash.

His father ran to his assistance and failing to notice the barbed wire fence, tore and ruined his \$3 pair of pants.

The old cow took advantage of the gap in the fence, got into the field and killed herself eating green corn.

Hearing the commotion, his wife ran out, upset a four-gallon churn of cream into a basket of little chickens, drowning the entire batch.

The baby, being left alone, crawled through the cream into the parlor, ruining a brand new \$50 carpet.

During the excitement the oldest daughter eloped with the hired man, the dog broke up 11 setting hens and the calves got out and chewed the tails off four shirts on the clothes line.

Moral: Don't borrow your neighbor's paper; it's too risky.

Safe Driving Day

Raleigh.—For the second straight year the Nation's drivers will attempt to complete one full day unmarred by a single traffic accident. December 1 will be S-D Day, or Safe Driving Day, throughout the land. The 48 states and the District of Columbia will participate in the big demonstration.

Printing order it from "Your Home Newspaper."

Sunbury PTA To Repair Books

Sunbury.—The Sunbury auditorium was tastefully decorated with evergreens and red berries for the PTA meeting Wednesday night. The Rev. H. Bizzell gave the devotional after the audience sang "Come, Ye Thankful People, Come."

A film, "What Greater Gift," was shown in observance of American Education Week.

A business session followed with the first grade winning the grade count. Fred Parker, Boy Scout leader, reported the boys cleared \$41.20 on the hot dog stand at the Halloween Carnival. He thanked the PTA on behalf of the Scouts for being allowed to have the stand. November 14 the Scouts are planning a supper with mothers as guests. Any boy 11 years old who would like to become a Scout is invited to come to this supper.

Mrs. Horace Overman accepted the chairmanship for the Ruritan supper in December. Six others were named on the committee.

R. L. Shirlen reported that playground equipment has been ordered and is on the way.

The condition of books in the grammar grades was called to the attention of the PTA. High school books also need repairs. Someone to repair books is to be looked into, with an estimated price for high school and grammar books.

At the regular meeting of the PTA in December there will be a program of music by the Glee Club.

Council Seeking Federal Aid To Improve Drainage

Gates County BRIEFS

This is the stonier which was set on that turkey shoot next Saturday, November 19. They're giving away free coffee too. If our office girl Anne could shoot turkeys, Gates Ruritans would turn into the red for that gal loves her coffee.

Only the fact that we have written so much about the falling of the year prevents us from breaking out into rhapsodies about the beauty of the countryside at the present time. But ain't the autumn leaves pretty?

Gates Ruritans are still harping on that turkey shoot next Saturday, November 19. They're giving away free coffee too. If our office girl Anne could shoot turkeys, Gates Ruritans would turn into the red for that gal loves her coffee.

We Odd Fellows would be real proud to have a lot of our friends and neighbors come over to Sunbury next Saturday night for a short visit with us to hear Miss Jerry Ann Peoples tell about her trip to the UN. This year we're sending a Gates County boy or girl on the trip, all expenses paid which is a right nice and educational tour for anyone. I believe that seniors are excluded from making the trip because they will likely go to college next year, and we want the student making the trip to be around for one season to tell us about it.

The Gatesville town council reminds everyone that December 1 has been designated as S-D day, and brother that means SAFE DRIVING DAY.

"Yes, I believe in prayer," said a old sailor, "but my mother heard me praying once and told me: 'Son, don't bother to give God instructions, just report for duty.'"

The trouble with a one-horse newspaper is that when the horse is sick, there ain't much do-e. And this old hoss has been under the weather for the last few days as the annual cold goes from bad to worse. So please take all mistakes for love and we promise to do better next summer. The Editor.

Mary Lewis With College Glee Club

Fredericksburg, Va.—The Glee Club at Mary Washington College of the University of Virginia, directed by Miss Marion K. Chauncey, associate professor of music, has 49 new members this year, 26 of whom are freshmen. Miss Margot Guest of Winsted, Conn., is the accompanist. Among those recently chosen for this choral organization is Miss Mary Lewis Rountree, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. F. H. Rountree of Sunbury, a sophomore.

ATTEND ICE SHOW

Eure.—Those who attended the ice show in Norfolk Sunday afternoon were Mr. and Mrs. A. W. Overton, Wayne Overton, Miss Carolyn Carter, J. C. Felton, Paul Taylor, Mrs. P. P. Landing, Mrs. Carson Revelle and son, Dillard, Mrs. Mertis Medlin and boys Tommy and Teddy and Mrs. Ike Story.



JERRY ANN PEOPLES will be the featured speaker for Gates County Odd Fellows next Saturday night at 8 o'clock in the Sunbury school auditorium. She will speak and show films on her trip last year to the United Nations which was sponsored by the First District Odd Fellows. Conrad Plyler will furnish music and present some of his music pupils in song.

Roads Lead to Hobbsville, Bloodmobile

Hobbsville.—According to S. P. Cross, publicity chairman for the forthcoming bloodmobile, all roads lead to Hobbsville on Monday, November 28, for the Red Cross will set up in Hobbsville school on that date.

A meeting of chairmen and directors of the bloodmobile program will be held in Gatesville next Monday night and they are requested to have their reports ready at that time. The meeting will begin at 7:30 p. m. in the office of Horace Carter, county chairman. Brooks Morgan of Sunbury is chairman of the current blood program.

The county has a quota of 100 pints of blood for this visit of the bloodmobile and every effort is being made to meet it.

Former County Native Dies In Virginia

Gatesville.—W. Mills Riddick, 75, a former native of Gates County, died in the Patrick Henry Hospital, Denby, Va., Thursday night at 10:30 from a heart attack. He was the son of the late Richard and Claudia Brady Riddick.

He is survived by his wife, Mrs. Annie W. Riddick, Gates; three daughters, Mrs. C. P. Duxbury, Newport News, Mrs. C. R. Riddick, Newfoundland, and Mrs. S. F. Edson, Hampton; three grandchildren and four great-grandchildren.

Funeral services were conducted Saturday afternoon at 2 o'clock at the Gatesville Methodist Church. The Rev. H. A. Bizzell, pastor, conducted the service. Burial was in the Gatesville Cemetery.

Active pallbearers were William Alto, C. P. Duxbury, H. B. Baines, S. F. Edson, H. N. Willey and J. W. Willey.

Funeral arrangements were from the Rountree and Hoffer Funeral Home.

Gatesville.—The Town of Gatesville plans to make application for federal funds to eliminate pesky mosquitoes, it was decided by the town council at their regular meeting last Monday night. Federal funds, if they are secured, said Mayor Paul Edmond, will be used to improve drainage and buy additional materials for fighting mosquitoes. The drainage and mosquito condition was considerably aggravated by the hurricanes last fall.

Only one complaint was presented to the council at the meeting Monday. Chester Jenkins appeared before the group and stated that he had suffered bodily injury and damage to his car on the road leading to Bennetts Creek. The road is known locally as the New Road.

He was told by the council that this road is not part of the town street system and advised to take the matter up with other authorities.

The council announced that they will surface Wesley Avenue, but do not have funds available at the present time to surface Academy Street. They will also place steps to the sidewalk by the Gatesville Sandwich Shop and between the post office and Blanchard's Store, it was announced.

Gatesville merchants were asked to appear before the council last Monday to discuss the problem of grocery and produce trucks which park in a manner to block traffic on highway 37. No merchants appeared before the council, however, and so they are being asked to request truckers to park parallel with the curbing to leave the street open for two-way traffic. This section of the town is on a main highway which is being designated as a Federal highway and is more dangerous than a regular street, says the council.

One other item drew the attention of the council, and it was pointed out by the Gatesville Woman's Club. The Woman's Club suggested that the town place a blinker light on the rise of the hill on the Sunbury highway just inside the town limits. They suggested that the light be placed on a post at eye-level so it would attract more attention. As was pointed out, many motorists approached this section of the town at a rapid pace before they notice it and it is believed that the light would help call attention to the congested area. The council looked on the idea favorably and are investigating the cost of the proposed blinker light.

The council is also investigating various plans for a water system for the town. Among the plans suggested have been a bond issue to raise the necessary capital, or having the system installed by private interests, or by outright subscription by residents. The council has a number of plans under study, they said.

4-H Achievement Program Nov. 17

Meeting Called to Order—Ann Overman, president, 4-H Council.

Pledge of Allegiance to the American Flag—William Lee Lilley, Gatesville Junior.

Club Pledge and Motto—Rita Dawn Howell, Sunbury Junior.

Song—America The Beautiful, Annie Marie Riddick, Hobbsville Senior.

Scripture—Carolyn Overman, Hobbsville Junior.

Prayer—Welford Artz, Gatesville Junior.

Welcome—Frank Harrell, Gatesville Senior.

Response—Ernestine Stallings, Hobbsville Senior.

Roll Call by Clubs and Minutes of Last Achievement Day—Allan Eure, Secretary County Council.

Report of Year's Accomplishments:

Frank White, Sunbury Senior Club Reporter.

Gloria Hoffer, Hobbsville Senior Reporter.

Vernon Parker, Gatesville Senior Reporter.

4-H Speakers: Albert Vann, Gatesville Senior.

Gloria Hoffer, Hobbsville Senior.

Talent Numbers: Special Plan Music—Karen Brown.

Duet—Ann Overman, Loretta Benton.

Solo—Myrtle Lou Campbell.

Instrumental Number—Allan Eure (Trombone).

Solo—Diane Hurdle.

Presentation of Awards and Certificates—Extension Agents.

Group Singing—Led by Annie Marie Riddick; Pianist, Betty Rea Riddick.

Refreshments were served.



THESE ARE PEANUTS—Approximately 2,000 bags of peanuts were loaded on these trucks and on the ground at Knights hog buying station last Wednesday morning. Knight said he had 5,000 bags in his warehouses at the time and was buying about 2,000 bags per day. Prices ranged from 10c to 14c per pound.