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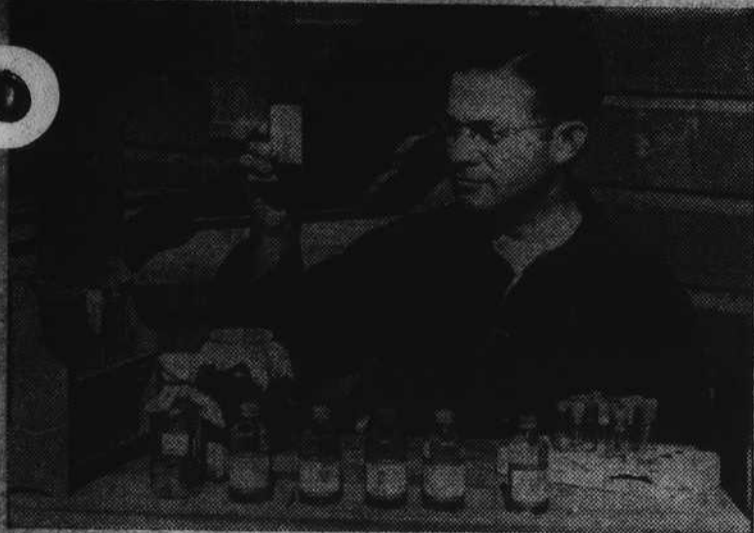
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(One Week Nearer Victory)

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Ghost Fighter Eure



Carlyle G. Eure, son of Mrs. John C. Eure, Gatesville

Giraud Joins Americans To Crush Axis

With Algiers in Allied hands, Oran surrounded and two key towns north and south of Casablanca, center of American landing in Africa, captured, General Dwight D. Eisenhower, commander of U. S. forces, announced that Gen. Henri Giraud had arrived in Algeria to "organize a French North African army and again take up arms by side with forces of the United Nations for defeat of Germany and Italy."

Arrival of the famous French general, who escaped from German prison camps in both the last war and this one, was expected to "bring about cessation of the scattered resistance," the Allied supreme commander said.

An American blitzkrieg of unprecedented speed across north Africa appeared imminent as RAF and American flyers occupied important African landing fields and the Mediterranean attack swept forward at unprecedented pace.



Yum! Yum!

It's natural to eat when you are hungry. It is also natural for those seeking a home to read the Wants Ads in this paper first! To get quick results, rent your house or apartment the natural way—with a Want Ad—where nearly every prospective tenant in this section shops first. It's your move—just phone and be surprised at the tenant selection from which you will have to choose.

Gatesville Boy Ghost Fighter

Least known fighters of Uncle Sam's Army Medical Department are a group of men who fight ghosts. Ghosts they fight are grim specters of plague and disease; they find their enemy in a thousand different places from malaria-ridden jungle swamps to snow clad outposts of arctic armies. These men who wage unceasing war on enemies more deadly than the most insidious fifth column are the Medical Department's sanitary technicians.

As their job is a fascinating one, so does their training hold more than usual interest, as men attending the Sanitary Technicians' school at Camp Picket, Va., will tell you—men like Pfc. Carlyle G. Eure, son of Mrs. John C. Eure, of Gatesville, now in training there to join ranks of these unsung plague fighters.

To begin with, men chosen to attend Sanitary Technicians' school must have thorough qualifications to fit them for training to accomplish the precise task their duties will impose. First stage is standard basic training that all medical department soldiers receive—drill, first aid, evacuation of wounded and other military-medical subjects.

At the school they find two expert teachers and skilled instructors who lecture on purely medical subjects. Their routine starts off early in the morning with a series of classroom talks. Afternoon sessions are usually spent in the field, where trainees learn by actual construction building of standard field sanitation installations such as latrines, garbage disposal pits, incinerators, and other measures that are used to protect the health of troops operating under cam-

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Kerosene, Fuel Oil Quota Cards Still Not Here

Supplies for rationing of kerosene and fuel oil are being received in dribbles only, at the local ration board office, it was said yesterday. As soon as adequate supplies have been received here, these will be issued.

Meantime, users of these oils are urged to keep careful record of the amounts used, as these will have to be shown on occasion of issuing allowances.

Peanut Prices Remain High As Gates Gets Good Harvest

Gates Goes Up To \$35,000 For War Bond Mark

Something to shoot at is Gates' war bond sales quota for November—\$35,500, or approximately \$12,000 beyond what it has been for several months past. To date, \$27,140.65 has been registered as October sales, the Roduco and Corapeake post offices have not reported their sales totals.

"I most earnestly wish every farmer and business man would invest some of the money he receives for crops during the next two months, in war bonds," urged Robin Hood, county war bond sales chairman, pointing out investment and savings values of treasury certificates.

"It would be to the advantage of people who have large savings to invest part of this in war bonds.

"Farmers of our county are going to get a good price for their peanuts and I know that they will have a nice sum left after paying their fertilizer and labor bills. By all means they should invest this as quickly as possible in war bonds," he concluded.

Commercial Car Owners Must Get Register Number

Owners of commercial cars, trucks and busses were this week warned by the local ration board that if they have not received blanks from the Office of Defense Transportation in Detroit, on which to apply for registration numbers, they should immediately write the ODT requesting such blanks.

Unless registration numbers from the ODT office have been received by commercial owners, no gas can be allowed by the local board after November 22.

HOME DEMONSTRATION CLUBS' ACHIEVEMENT DAY AT GATES

Annual Achievement day of Home Demonstration clubs will be celebrated Thursday of next week at Gates school, when Ralph C. Deal of E. C. T. C., Greenville, will deliver the address.

Mrs. T. C. Lawrence of Eure will preside at the session, for which an exceptionally interesting program has been arranged. Mrs. B. L. White, of Sunbury, secretary of the Federation of Home Demonstration clubs, will assist Mrs. Lawrence.

Members of Gates, Ariel and Hazelton clubs will serve as hostesses for the occasion, and have extended special invitation to all club members and their friends. Husbands of club members have been invited as honor guests.

HOFLER'S INDEX TRAVELS AIRMAIL

Sgt. R. H. Hofler, somewhere in England, gets the Index weekly by air mail.

W. Hance Hofler of Raleigh OPA office, recently ordered the paper for Sgt. Hofler, his cousin, requesting that each copy be dispatched via air mail for surer and speedier delivery. Both are natives of Gatesville.

Sgt. Hofler, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Hofler, graduated from Gatesville school, later attending Wake Forest College. He was employed with the Belhaven bank prior to his induction into the army.

Martial Music On Legionnaires Program Tonight

County-wide Armistice Day celebration and annual meeting of Legion and Auxiliary, which will be held in the American Legion hut this evening, (Wednesday) will be an affair of color and martial music. Address of the evening will be given by the Rev. J. L. White, of Blackwell Memorial Baptist church, Elizabeth City.

Dinner will be served at 7:30 this evening. Honor guests of the occasion will include all men now members of the nation's armed services, as well as mothers and widows of veterans. P. L. Hofler, post commander, will preside.

Gates Women Give Radio Program

"Gates Women In Defense", was subject of a radio broadcast given over WCNC, Elizabeth City, on Thursday, in which Mrs. B. L. White, and Mrs. J. B. Hofler, of Sunbury; Miss Lizzie Franklin of Gatesville and Ona Patterson, Gates home demonstration agent, took part. The broadcast was given at 1:15 in the afternoon.

How's This For County Record

When Hattie Savage, 24-year-old colored woman, picked 302 pounds of cotton in one day, she established something of a record.

Hattie started at 7:30 in the morning, took half an hour off for lunch and stopped at 6:00 o'clock in the evening. All this was on October 16, on the farm of Walter Rountree near Hobbsville.

If any other cotton picker in this county has a better record, the Index would like to hear of it.

Though first reports of Gates county's peanut yield were pessimistic, sunshine has brightened the outlook to an unanticipated degree. Reports this week from various sections of the county indicate total returns on the crop will be highly satisfactory.

Many farmers are gathering heavy harvests, after being disappointed by indications from earlier trial harvesting. Predominant dry weather of past two weeks has permitted cleaner and more thorough removal of the nuts; and prevalent high prices are making the county as a whole feel good.

"It really does look fine," declared John Artz, county agent. "We were pretty blue for a while, but if this keeps up, Gates has a real Thanksgiving to celebrate."

During this week and next, greater part of the crop will move to market; quantities have been limited up to now. Prices of seven to seven and three-quarters cents per pound are being paid at mills; and are assurance of good profit.

Though it is less true now than of first gatherings, kernels are still running fairly high on moisture content. Hulls in many instances have been badly discolored, but kernels were not greatly damaged, when examined at mills. First gatherings from wet soil left many nuts in the ground, but with dryer weather, this is alleviated.

Caution concerning pickups is made by W. S. Hines, secretary of New Peanut Growers corporation, Suffolk. "Do not mix them with good peanuts," he says. "They should be kept separate, as a few bags of pickups in a load of peanuts may prevent sale of the entire load and cause heavy loss. Pickups are suitable only for oil."

44 Negroes Leave For Army Camp

Gates county draft board recently sent the following colored selectees to an induction station for their army examination:

Isaiah Goodman (volunteer); Arthur R. Baker, Herbert Lee Cullins, Maywood Beamon, Marvin Blanchard, Joe W. Kellogg, Henry W. Norman, Dempsey Hall, Otis Parker, Nelson Lee Winborne, Charlie Rolick, Johnnie M. Ferguson, Hood D. Jones, John Knight, George Savage, Robert Beamon, Leno Hall, Edward B. Riddick, Lonnie Hinton, Aubrey Morris, George Washington Harrell, Jr., Peter Future Cross, Crevassir C. Ferguson, Albert F. Lewis, James R. Burk, James Smith, Lycurgus Brothers, James R. Figs, John Eason, Harry R. Kellogg, George Smith, William H. Costen, William E. Beamon, Johnny Hofler, Charlie E. Bond, Whit L. Knight, Miles L. Swain, Andrew Morris, Charlie C. Harvey, Lorenza Hobbs (Rolden Savage, Willis Balard, and James Elliott Arline.