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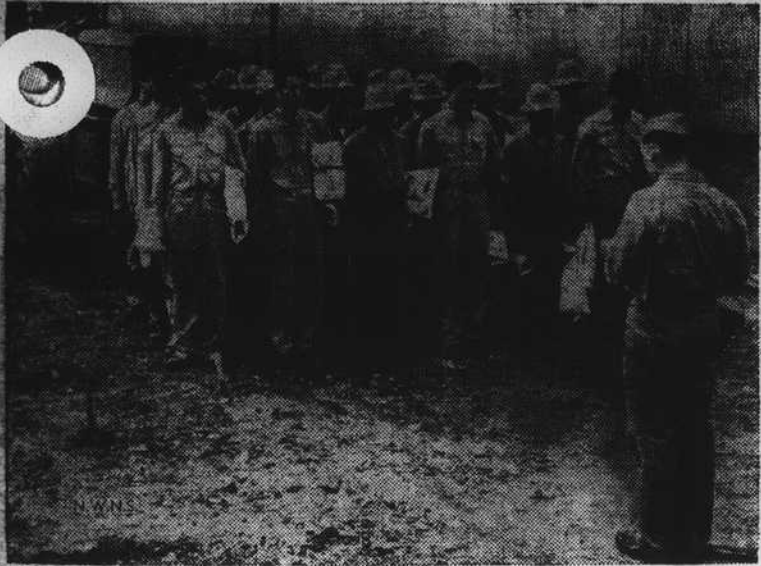
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8 Pages This Week

Fight's Over for These Sullen Japs



This official navy photo shows a group of Japanese prisoners with their belongings in hand, lined up by U. S. naval officers for transfer to another prison camp. The picture was made at a South Pacific island.

Changes In Health Office Personnel

Dr. John S. Chamblee, health officer for Bertie-Chowan-Gates district health department, announces the following changes in personnel in the department:

William H. Powell has started work in the district as venereal disease follow-up worker. It is to see that all venereal patients take treatment whether treated by health department or private physicians. It is also his duty to see that all draftees who have been rejected because of venereal disease are placed under treatment, so they may be cured and eventually go to the army. The health officer has been instructed by the Gates county board of health to use stern measures in placing draftees under treatment who fail to report for treatment voluntarily and also those who are under treatment as required by law.

Charles A. Leonard, sanitary officer of Bertie and Chowan counties will also act as sanitary officer for Gates county. This work has formerly been carried on by Walter C. Lackey, sanitary officer of Northampton and Hertford counties.

Officers Told To Enforce Drive Ban

State highway patrolmen and officers in Gates county have received instructions to bear down on enforcement of the ban on pleasure driving, the In- was informed Tuesday morning.

License numbers of people suspected to be pleasure driving will be turned in to the Gates county war price and rationing board. Board members asserted, "People should be ready to give reasons for their driving. We will not hesitate in enforcing the regulations."

The new instructions were said to be aimed at stopping Sunday driving—the time when most of the pleasure driving appears to be going on.

Boys' Club Being Organized; Scout Charter Expired

A boys' club for which a name and motto will be selected later this week is being organized in Gatesville. Claude Willie Hinton, Jr., was elected president at an initial meeting held in the Bank of Gates Sunday afternoon. Robin Hood will serve as counselor or advisor. John Wilson Sawyer was named to serve as vice-president and Brown Hoffer as secretary-treasurer.

Members of the inactive Gatesville Boy Scout troop and other boys over ten years of age form the charter members and all other boys over ten years of age will be admitted as members.

According to Bob Eason, who gave this story to the Index, the club will interest itself in sports and community service as well as auxiliary to civic endeavors. They may build a cabin in the woods near Chowan River, he added. All plans at present are in the tentative stage, but the charter members are convinced that they want a boys' club.

Gatesville's Scout charter expired last November and has not been renewed and the troop had been more or less inactive since last spring. The forming of a boys' club has the endorsement of all Scouts, Eason said.

Members at the organization meeting besides Hinton, Sawyer, Hoffer and Eason, were Bill Jones, Robert Lee Wolfley, Glenn Lilley, Jr., Fred Starling, Bill Wolfley, Ethwell Perry, Bill Baines, Charlie Perry, Ray Gordon Beamon and Donnie Starling.

Commissioned As 2nd Lieutenant

John F. Willey, son of Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Willey, received his commission as second lieutenant on January 20 at the Army Air Force officers candidate school, Miami Beach, Fla.

Lieutenant Willey is a graduate of Gates high school and State college, Raleigh.

He is now stationed at Kearns, Utah.

Mrs. W. A. Willey of Gates, and Mrs. John F. Willey of Raleigh, attended the graduating exercises.

Gates People Not Alarmed by New Warnings of East Coast Air Raids

Gates county people, regardless of their proximity to vast war activities around Norfolk and along the Carolina seaboard, are not in the least disturbed by new reports proclaiming the possibility of air raids on the United States East Coast as "greater now than ever before as a result of recent German military reverses."

The only comment here following publicity given George S. Van Schaick's assertion that "the danger of enemy air attack on our home front increases as the situation becomes desperate for our neemies abroad," is summed up as follows:

"For a long time we have been vicinities nearby. We are surprised for air raids in the prised only that they have not materialized."

Gates county people agree with Van Schaick, director of the Office of Civilian Defense,

Infantile Paralysis Tag Day February 12

"Help Me Win MY Victory"



Tags for a tag day in Gates county for the benefit of the infantile paralysis campaign have been received from State headquarters by the county chairman. The tags have been delivered into the hands of community leaders and Gates county is hoping to raise its quota of \$108 in contributions on "Tag Day," Friday, February 12. Since there will be such a small local expense connected with the method of raising funds, every penny realized will go to the relief of paralysis sufferers and into research work for the time when vaccine will be discovered to prevent this scourge of little children.

The county chairman urges everyone to give generously when approached by some one selling tags. "The welfare of the future depends on the health of the children," the chairman said.

This story is making the rounds in connection with the drive: One of the volunteers in the annual fund-raising drive—a Viennese refugee who was slightly afflicted with the disease herself—had an unforgettable question tossed at her on a Detroit street last year and gave a probably unforgettable reply.

When she asked a woman for a coin-box donation, the latter replied, "Well, I gave a dime yesterday. Am I supposed to give again today?"

The victim-volunteer hesitated a moment, then said, "Did you ever stop to think that the child stricken with infantile paralysis cannot say, 'Well, I was paralyzed yesterday. Am I supposed to be paralyzed again today?'"

The donation was not a dime; it was a dollar, the story goes.

Rufus Duck Now National Figure

Last week's Index story of 9-year-old Rufus Duck who sacrificed his marbles in order to buy a 10-cent War Stamp has made the rounds of daily newspapers and radio.

It appeared late last week in the News and Observer and was heard still later over a Chicago radio station by Mrs. John Glenn Friday night in an 11:30 broadcast by a news commentator named "Reed" whose home station is WBBM, Chicago.

Rufus' unselfish act evidently had the theme that appeals to editors and news casters. It prompted Reed to comment: "How can we lose when we have people like Rufus Duck on our side."

Marvis G. Jones Gets Promotion

Marvis G. Jones was promoted from corporal to the rank of sergeant January 25 at Camp Shelby, Miss.

Sergeant Jones has been with the armed forces since last May. He is the husband of Mrs. Louise B. Jones of Gatesville, and the son of Mrs. Amanda Jones and the late Gatling Jones of Drum Hill.

Ground Observers Trying to Build Own Watch Tower

Following meetings of ground observers last week, those who man the post now located in the Legion Hut, are being asked to contribute two dollars each toward the building of a regulation ground observation post on a site as yet unselected.

It is estimated by members of the building committee—Tazewell Eure, Jet Sawyer, Hubert Eason and S. C. Baines—that a post of the type desired for Gatesville will cost about \$110. The building committee has set a goal of \$155, the surplus to pay for expenses already accumulated and to carry the observer post through the winter. About seventy rollars has already been pledged, according to Mr. Baines.

Mr. Baines said that the committee for the Legion has refused to accept rental fees for the use of the hut as an observer post but added that the Legion building has been somewhat damaged by the observers. "You can hardly use a building 24 hours a day without inflicting some damage," Mr. Baines said. He added that the building committee is considering the advisability of depositing \$100 to the account of the Legion for repairs for the building but that all plans at the present are in a tentative stage.

PLEASE

When writing to the Gates county draft board concerning their status or classification, registrants are requested by Mrs. Willie Overman, draft board clerk, to please mention their order numbers.

"We have—oh, several thousand names," Mrs. Overman said, "and at least six of them are probably 'Jim Joneses' or 'Johnnie Browns'. It is almost impossible for us to know which 'Jim Jones' is being inquired about unless we know him personally or unless he furnishes his order number."

17 on Semester List at Hobbsville

Hobbsville's first semester honor roll:

First grade, Carolyn Hollowell, Nancy Carol Rountree; second grade, Rich Hoffer, Linda Eure, Robert Spivey, Jackie Blanchard; third grade, Reba Hobbs, J. Robert Riddick, Janie Riddick; fourth grade, Norma Riddick; fifth grade, no names reported; sixth grade, no names reported; seventh grade, Billy Collins; eighth grade, Gladys Riddick, Juanita Hendrix, Annie Frances Riddick.

Ninth grade, Irma Hudgins; tenth grade, June Hathaway, Margaret Rountree; eleventh grade, no names reported.

Louise Baines Is Cited at College

Louisburg, Feb. 9 — Louise Baines, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. S. C. Baines, Gatesville, with a 2.46 average, ranked first on the honorable mention list for the first semester at Louisburg college.

For her outstanding work Louise has also received and accepted a bid to Alpha Phi Epsilon, national honorary secretarial fraternity.