

# Gates County Index

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## Sheriff Trotman Resigns Position

Resignation of L. R. Trotman as sheriff of Gates county, after serving in the office for two months, becomes effective Monday, October 4, when Gates county commissioners at their regularly scheduled meeting will appoint Mr. Trotman's successor. Anyone in Gates county who is interested in securing the appointment should make application before October 4 to the Board of Gates County Commissioners, according to Tazewell Eure, clerk to the board.

Commissioners at the same regular meeting will also appoint a successor to A. C. Matthews, tax collector and constable of Haslett township, whose resignation also becomes effective Monday. Citizens of Haslett township who are interested in this position should also make application to the board before October 4.

Mr. Trotman succeeded Sheriff Langston by appointment two months ago as sheriff of Gates county, but on the advice of his family physician, Dr. Blanchard of Hobbsville, and on the advice of specialists in Norfolk, his resignation was tendered. It will be accepted, according to advices from the courthouse, and a successor to the office of sheriff will definitely be made at that time.

## Willie Rountree Dies Following Week of Illness

Willie Rountree, 79, died at 10:30 a. m. Sunday at the home of his daughter, Mrs. J. T. Barnes, near Sunbury, after an illness of a week.

He was a member of the Oak Grove Christian church.

Funeral services were conducted Tuesday at 3 p. m. in Suffolk. Burial was made in Eureka Baptist church cemetery.

Survivors include six daughters: Mrs. James Barnes, Mrs. J. C. Brinkley, Portsmouth; Mrs. J. W. Foster and Mrs. O. K. Thomas, Norfolk; Mrs. Mabel Jones, Washington, and Mrs. W. H. Cartwright, South Mills; two sons, Lonnie Rountree, Hertford, and Oscar Rountree, Corapeake; 19 grandchildren; five great-grandchildren and several nieces and nephews.

## Gates County Red Cross Sends One Lot of Clothing

Miss Ona Patterson, production chairman of the Gates county American Red Cross chapter, reported Monday one shipment of garments had been made to the American Red Cross Depot, State Arsenal, Sea Gink, N. J., and that another shipment was being readied.

Included in the shipment were the following garments: 79 gowns, 50 boys' shirts, 13 slips, 3 dresses, 11 diapers, 5 baby gowns, 2 hospital gowns, 1 baby cap.

Ready for shipment are the following knitted articles: 18 pair of army wristlets, 19 army sleeveless sweaters, 8 army mufflers, 7 army helmets.

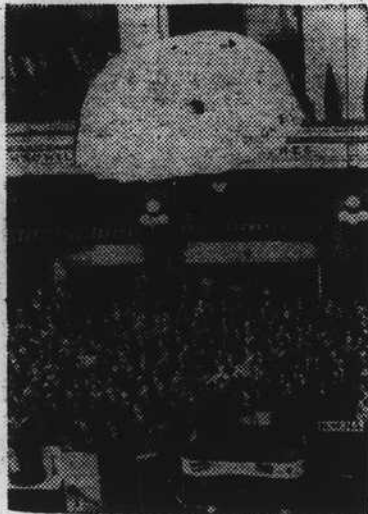
All the garments have been made by women of Gates county who volunteered their time and energy, Miss Patterson said.

The articles of clothing were packed by Mrs. L. C. Hand and Mrs. Mildred Cross Woodside of Gatesville and inspected by Mrs. Mrs. C. H. Carter of Hobbsville, Mrs. W. C. Story and Mrs. H. V. Beamon of Gatesville supervised the cutting department. They were assisted by a number of Gatesville ladies.

## Spotters Meet Friday

Observers of the Zion Observation Post will be awarded their gold wings Friday, October 1, at a meeting in the Hobbsville high school auditorium at 7:30 p. m. A movie, "Battle of Britain", will be shown by the aircraft warning service of the army air corps. All observers of the post are urged to attend. The public is also invited.

## Chutes Up Sales



This parachutist appears to have landed right in the midst of hundreds of shoppers on Chicago's busy State street. He is Arthur Starnes, a veteran jumper, who is stimulating war bond sales as he demonstrates how a parachute works.

## Tubes, Fats, Tin Cans Wanted In Victory Drive

Discarded toothpaste and shaving cream tubes, waste fats and grease and tin cans are wanted by the Gates county salvage committee during the National Victory Scrap Drive which starts in North Carolina on October 1, John Artz and Miss Ona Patterson, members of the Gates county salvage committee, announced Monday.

So far the Gates county committee had turned in 400,000 pounds of scrap metal, 800 pounds of fats, and 80 pounds of tubes. Collection of tin cans has just started and about 75 pounds are on hand now.

## FILLS PULPIT

A Mr. Powell (no one in Gatesville Monday seemed to know his first name) filled the pulpit of the Gatesville Baptist church Sunday in the absence of the Rev. T. Sloane Guy.

## Three Cases of Diphtheria Threaten Epidemic in Gates

By Mrs. Elizabeth H. Crouse  
Public Health Nurse

The third case of diphtheria was reported September 24, making a total of three cases reported in Gates county since August 11. This new case is Odell Wiggins, 17, of Gates.

If all the mothers and fathers of unvaccinated babies in Gates county could have visited this patient with me last week to see the look of anguish on her face, they would all rush to have their babies vaccinated.

We beg you again to take your babies to your doctor when they reach 6 months of age and have them vaccinated.

For those who desire it, we give it free of charge at the Gatesville health department of-

## War Bond Purchases Now Total \$80,000

Gates county's War Bond total jumped to \$80,000 Monday with the announcement that the Chesapeake-Camp Corporation of Franklin, Va., large landowners in Gates county, had purchased \$10,000 worth of tax saving notes series C and had directed that the amount be counted on the Gates county total.

Pointing out that the Chesapeake-Camp corporation had done much for Gates county, Robin Hood, war bond chairman, stated that this action further typifies the spirit of the corporation. The check for the purchase of the bonds came from Hugh D. Camp, president of the corporation.

Among the many firsts for the corporation in Gates county is the reforestation program which has been started and the fire warden's tower located between Sunbury and Gatesville, a gift of the corporation to the county.

Although the sales had jumped to \$80,000, Gates county Monday was still behind the quota assigned the county for the third loan drive. A quota of \$140,000 had been assigned.

Negro Sales Up  
Sales of war bonds to Negroes in Gates county has shown a remarkable advance in recent days, Mr. Hood reported. He attributed the increased sales to a series of meetings which are being held in Gates county with the Negro citizens.

A total of 350 Negroes attended a meeting at Stoney Branch church recently, 33 at Buckland and 16 at Blanchard's Grove church.

Typical of the spirit in which many of the Gates county Negro citizens are purchasing bonds, Mr. Hood pointed to two instances which occurred at the Blanchard's Grove church meeting. A teen-age boy, not more than 10 years old, he said, approached with a paper sack of pennies which he had been saving. He had \$7.14 in pennies and wanted to purchase a bond. The boy's mother contributed

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## Checker Finds Few Auto Tags In Gatesville

A wave of uneasiness floated through Gatesville Monday afternoon when it was discovered that a district collector of internal revenue was in town checking Federal Used Stamps on automobiles.

The inspector was George D. Gravely of Elizabeth City who said he found few cars in Gatesville with stamps placed properly on the windshields.

He said he would check automobiles in Gates, Roduco and other sections of the county in the next few days.

## Kittrell Young People Elect New Officers

The young people of Kittrell Church held their regular monthly meeting in the home of Mrs. D. A. Willey.

The president, Roma Lee Cross, presided at the meeting and lead the worship with Miss Mildred Umphlette taking a part.

The worship theme was, "I Bind My Heart to the Galilean's Side."

Officers for the coming year have been elected. They are: president, Lloyd Bray; vice-president, Tom Willey; secretary, Billie Greene; reporter, Roma Lee Cross; and treasurer, Edward Willey.

The hostess served refreshments to Mildred Umphlett, Roma Lee Cross, Pfc. Robert Carroll, Ada, Tom, and Edward Willey.

## Negro Charged With Assault

Tom Powell, Negro, was arrested Monday by Gates county officers on a charge of stealing chickens and assaulting the wife of Tom Cooper, Negro of near Gatesville.

The alleged assault occurred Saturday midnight after the Negro woman had found Powell and another Negro, Walter Peoples, in her chicken yard.

Officers Monday were still seeking Peoples.

## Four Negroes Are Inducted

Four Negroes from Gates county have recently been inducted into the United States army.

They are Winfred D. Stallings, Milton C. Gatling, James E. Arline, and Mackell Mullen.

## Woman is Guilty On Health Charge

Icey Marie Eason, Negro of route 1, Hobbsville, was found guilty in magistrate's court in Gatesville Monday for failure to take treatment for venereal disease. She was sentenced to 30 days in the county jail, suspended upon payment of \$5 and costs, totaling \$12.65 and on condition that she continue to take treatments regularly for six months.

William H. Powell, venereal disease control officer, stated that he has tried to cooperate and be as lenient as possible with the venereal disease patients in Gates county, but that in the future those who have contagious venereal disease and fail to take treatments regularly will be prosecuted.

## CONDUCT PROGRAM

The Young People of Gatesville Baptist church conducted a program for the Mission Study Class at the church Sunday, September 26.

A playlet "Rediscovering North Carolina" was given. Special music was rendered by Andrew Meeder and Mildred Langston.

## NOTICE

The regular monthly prenatal and well baby clinic will be held in the Gatesville health department office on Thursday, October 7, at 2 o'clock.