

# Gates County Index

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## Gates and Eure Plan Parties Halloween

At least two Halloween parties have been scheduled in the schools of Gates county Friday night, according to reports coming into the Index office in Gatesville.

Parties have been planned at Eure and Gates school. There will probably be other parties in Gates county on Halloween, but the Index was not informed of them in time to print the announcements in this week's paper.

Admission charges will be made for the party at Gates school, but a silver offering will be collected at the Eure party.

Salted peanuts, candy, hot dogs and cold drinks will be served at the Eure and entertainment will be provided for both young and old.

Teachers at the Gates school will furnish a Halloween program as one of the attractions. Amusements such as bobbing for apples, playing bingo and a fish pond will also be available following the program.

Colonel P. Darden and his string band from Portsmouth will furnish music for the program. A festival dance and square dancing will also be held.

## New Distribution Plan for Farm Machinery Set

A new farm machinery distribution program which provides for actual rationing of considerably fewer items than in 1943 and sets up a much more flexible system for distributing the greater amounts of machinery to be available in 1944 has been announced by the War Food Administration.

Reflecting the prospects for increased machinery production in 1944, the new program provides for distribution control over only 46 types of farm machinery, of which only 31 actually are on the list of rationed items. Tight production and distribution factors made it necessary to put distribution and rationing controls in effect on 91 items of machinery for the 1943 farm machinery manufacturing year.

"Although some production difficulties are expected, the machinery outlook for 1944 is much improved", the WPB said. "Production of new machinery under WPB order L-257 is authorized at an average 80 per cent of 1940, which was a better than normal production year."

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## Bring No. 3 Ration Books

Citizens are requested to bring their No. 3 War Ration books with them when they start registration today in the schools at Gatesville, Sunbury, Hobbsville, Gates, Eure and Gates Training school for their No. 4 ration books.

People whose last names begin with A through H will register today, October 27; I through P tomorrow, October 28; and Q through Z on Friday, October 29.

## Blazing Trail Back to Wake Island



Combat air crews of naval planes talk over their adventures after returning from an attack on Japanese positions on Wake Island. During three air attacks navy planes dropped 320 tons of bombs which leveled enemy defenses, sank two small ships and destroyed 61 enemy planes. Fires raged in shops, barracks, and storage sheds.

## Gates Citizens Purchase \$166,000 In Bonds During September Drive

Final figures on the sale of war bonds in Gates county during the September drive reveal that a total of \$166,125.50 in bonds were sold from the different distribution points in the county as compared to a quota of \$140,000.

Breakdown of the figures shows that a total of \$70,162.50 of the bonds were sold to series E purchasers, revealing that a large number of small bond buyers in Gates county participated in the campaign.

For the nation as a whole, however, the small bond buyer did not participate in the campaign as directors had hoped. Robin Hood, who directed the drive, said the participation by the small bond purchaser in Gates county was one of the encouraging factors in the campaign.

The total number of people who purchased Series E bonds is not known, but the number buying the other series are known. Total sold the number of purchasers were: Series F—\$7,363, four buyers; Series G—\$4,100, six buyers; Tax saving notes—\$28,000, two buyers; 7/8 percent certificate of indebtedness—\$21,000, four buyers; 2 percent bonds—\$33,000, 14 buyers; and 2½ percent bonds—\$2,500, one buyer.

## Names of Milk, Butter Sellers Wanted by Agent

All farm women in Gates county who have been selling milk and butter are requested to forward their names and addresses to the county agent's office.

According to John Artz, county agent, a small payment will be made women who can give proof of their sales during October and who keep records during November and December.

## Garris Parker Named Head Of Older Youths

Garris Parker of Gates was elected president of the Gates county Older Youth Club at a meeting held Wednesday, October 20, in the auditorium of the agricultural building.

Irving Taylor of Middle Swamp was named vice president; Miss Evelyn Piland of

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## Active Campaigning Starts for \$2,821 In War Fund Drive

### Jr. Red Cross Drive Starts On November 1

Mrs. W. Henry Overman of Gatesville will direct a Junior Red Cross enlistment campaign in all schools of Gates county starting November 1 and lasting through November 15.

Stressing the fact that this was an enrollment drive, Mrs. Overman said she hoped to raise \$100 from the school children. The campaign will be conducted in both the Negro and white schools in Gates county.

Last year a total of \$77.88 was raised among the children. The need of the Red Cross is greater this year," she said, "and we hope to raise at least \$100."

She requested the teachers who will handle the money to make their reports by November 20.

### Five 4-H Clubs Sponsor Salvage Drive in County

Five 4-H clubs in Gates county are this month sponsoring a salvage drive which will extend until the first meeting in November, John Artz, county agent, announced.

Prizes totaling \$15 have been contributed to increase the interest in the drive.

Prizes of \$5 will be given to the club placing first in the following: (1) club bringing in most waste fats; (2) club bringing in most scrap metal, tin excluded; and (3) club bringing most prepared tin cans.

Mr. Artz said that the clubs were being urged to enlist the help of everyone in their neighborhood in collecting material for the salvage drive.

Solicitors in every section of Gates county were scheduled to start Monday active campaigning for the \$2,821 which the county has been assigned in the United War Fund Drive.

From Gatesville, Robin Hood, chairman of the drive, announced that every family in Gates county with a rural box or a town delivery box would be mailed a card urging them to contribute to the United War Fund.

A total of 16 different war agencies have pooled their resources and ideas for this drive instead of conducting 16 different drives.

"By contributing to this drive, you are not only helping the USO maintain its shows and entertainment for the boys in the armed services, but you are also contributing to foreign relief," it was pointed out.

Active solicitation started in Mintonsville, Gatesville and Hunter's Mill township before Monday of this week. Hopes were held that in one week of intensive campaigning the entire total would be raised.

All township chairmen were urged by Hood to select their campaigners as soon as possible and conduct their canvasses. "Gates county doesn't want to be left behind in this endeavor," Hood said.

If anyone in the county is not approached for a contribution, he may leave his money at any bank in the county or mail it direct to Mrs. Amy R. Perry, treasurer, Gatesville.

### Mrs. Ruby Corbitt Named President School Teachers

A meeting of Gates county white teachers was held at the Gatesville School on Thursday, October 21.

The first part of the meeting was devoted to completing the organization of the Local Unit of the North Carolina Education Association and election of delegates to attend the meeting of the Northeastern District to be held in Greenville on November 18.

Mrs. Ruby K. Corbitt, teacher in Hobbsville high school, was elected president of the Unit to fill the vacancy in that position. Members of the following committees were elected: Advisory, Public Relations, Professional Relations, Legislative, Teacher Welfare, College Cooperation.

The complete organization of the N.C.E.A. Local Unit for Gates county follows:

President: Mrs. Corbitt; vice-president: Mrs. Lucy G. Pollock; Secretary-Treasurer: Miss Ethel Britt.

Advisory committee: Mrs. C. O. Corbitt, chairman; Miss Florence Ward, Mrs. Phoebe B. Owens, Mrs. Willie Everett Parker, C. B. Blair, Jr.

Public relations: Miss Ruby Malone, chairman; T. J. Whitehead, Mrs. Shellen Parker, B. L. White, Mrs. Pattie P. Ehrhart.

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## HDC Mobilization Drive Seeks To Enlist 90 Percent Of Farm Families

A drive is to be made this year by all the home demonstration clubs in North Carolina to reach 90 percent of the farm families in the state.

The following information on the Mobilization Drive is a condensation of an article written by Miss Pauline Smith of the State College Extension Service. Her original article was too long for publication.

The primary objective of Extension work is to serve the farm people. A mobilization drive—to give every family an opportunity to do its every day work in a more scientific way has been planned by the county home demonstration council.

Four objectives in the plans are:

1. Food—Information which will help the farm family to have adequate food to meet nutritional needs, feed for the livestock, and a surplus of food and feed for those who cannot produce it.

2. Economic Security — Information on how to use what we have, money and non-money, for better living. This term "Economic Security" as used here only means thrift in the home in relation to food, clothing and equipment, with emphasis on planned spending and wise investments for the future.

3. Home Improvement and

Family Living—Improvement of the home and its surroundings, information which may help families to improve homes without great cost, an opportunity for comfortable homes where wholesome family life may bring satisfaction and where children may find happiness, training and security.

4. Community Planning — The American way of life was built fundamentally with a church and schoolhouse in each community. In this program designed to reach more farm families in North Carolina, information will be offered on com-

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