

# Gates County Index

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## 4-H Clubs To Conduct Annual Achievement Day November 13

Four-H clubs of Gates county will hold their annual achievement day on Saturday, November 13, at 2 p. m. in the agricultural building in Gatesville, John Artz, county farm agent, has announced.

Reverting from the usual policy of inviting an outside speaker, county extension agents have decided to take charge of the program this year, Mr. Artz said.

Outstanding club among the five 4-H clubs in Gates county and the outstanding boy and girl among the 250 members will be crowned at the achievement day exercises.

Girls who entered the dress revue are being asked to wear the dresses they entered in the revue at the exercises.

Following the presentation of awards and the election of officers, a planned program of recreation will be carried out, Mr. Artz said.

All 4-H club members are urged to bring in their completed record books.

Following is the program of 4-H club meetings for the month of November: November 8—Hobbsville; November 9—Gatesville; November 10—Sunny; November 11—Eure and November 12—Gates.

Club members are urged to bring their parents with them for the achievement day exercises.

## Childs Fatal To Year-Old Roduco Girl

Roduco.—May Dean Thorne, year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Wiley O. Thorne, of Roduco, who was severely scalded Wednesday afternoon, October 27 when she pulled over a steaming electric coffee percolator, died at her parents' home Friday morning, October 29.

Funeral services were held at the home of her grandfather, J. R. Little, near Falkland, Saturday.

Surviving are her parents; two sisters, Shirley Ann and Betty Lou Thorne; and a brother, Don Wayne Thorne; her paternal grandparents Mr. and Mrs. Wiley O. Thorne, of Macclesfield; and her maternal grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Little, of near Falkland.

## Farm Bureau To Hear Shaw Friday Night

Quarterly meeting of the Gates county Farm Bureau will be held Friday night at 8 o'clock in the court house in Gatesville.

Plans for a membership drive to reach a quota of 300 members will be made at the meeting. R. Flake Shaw, executive secretary of the North Carolina Farm Bureau, will make the principal address. His topic will be outlook of agriculture in 1944 and the farm bureau's place in the plans.

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## Bahama Torch Murder Principals



Left: Count Alfred de Marigny as he appeared during his trial for the torch murder of his father-in-law, Sir Harry Oakes, Bahama multi-millionaire. Right: Nancy de Marigny, wife of the defendant and daughter of the victim. American police experts were brought to the islands to testify.

## War Fund Drive Lacks \$200 Of Reaching Quota In Week

Gates county Tuesday noon was needing \$201.51 to meet its quota of \$2,821 in the United War Fund drive, Robin Hood, campaign chairman, announced, pointing out that four townships had already met their goals.

By Tuesday noon a total of \$2,619.49 had been collected in the campaign with Gatesville, Hunters Mill, Mintonville and Holly Grove reporting their quotas reached and surpassed.

Hunters Mill township was the first to report its quota reached, when W. M. Spivey, chairman, reported a total of \$500.41 raised as against a quota of \$450. Other townships going over their quotas were: Gatesville \$550, goal \$550; Mintonville, \$497.45, goal \$450; and Holly Grove \$550.75, goal \$550.

Hall township reported needing a \$33.50 to reach its quota of \$300, Hazlett township needs \$190.80 to make its quota of \$250; and Reynoldson township was \$102.77 short of its goal of

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## Dr. Lilley Returns From Pacific Zone

Dr. Mullen M. Lilley arrived home last week to visit his wife, parents and many friends in Gatesville.

Dr. Lilley left for foreign duty in April, 1942, with the First Construction Battalion, commonly known as the Sea Bees. For the past 18 months he has been in the South and Southwest Pacific.

After a short vacation, Dr. and Mrs. Lilley will leave for the Great Lakes Naval Training Station, Chicago, Ill., where he will be assistant dental surgeon.

## MASONIC LODGE MEETS THURSDAY

The Gates Masonic lodge will meet Thursday at 8 p. m. in the Masonic hall in Gatesville.

## War Records Group Seeks Information

The Gates County War Records Committee, of which Mrs. Eleanor Y. Cross of Gatesville is chairman, wants to secure from families and friends the names and details concerning all men and women from this county who are in the armed forces.

Copies of questionnaires on information concerning the men and women can be secured from the county library in the agricultural building in Gatesville.

The questionnaire asks for the following information: Names, date of birth, home address, whether in army, navy

or marines, air corps medical corps infantry, WACS, SPARS, WAVES, places and date enlisted or inducted, rank, serial number, foreign or combat service, name and address of parents or next of kin, church, civilian employment, race and remarks on engagements, wounds, decorations, etc.

Parents and friends are requested either to fill out the answers to the above stated questions or secure a blank form from the county library, the Gates County Index office, or the draft board office and furnish the war records committee with the information which it desires.

## Unnecessary Close Gates School Cause Of Single Polio Case

Discovery of one case of infantile paralysis near Gates does not constitute any reason among the parents of children in the Gates school or of other people in the community to fear an epidemic, according to a letter written by a member of the Gates county health department to W. Henry Overman, superintendent of schools.

## Democratic Group Names Member On School Board

Member to replace R. E. Williams on the Gates county school board will be nominated by the Democratic executive committee within the next 30 days, S. P. Cross, secretary to the board, indicated Monday.

Law provides that if the executive committee does not nominate a person within 30 days after the vacancy occurs, the State Board of Education will fill the position.

Mr. Williams died in office last week after serving as a member of the board for the past six years.

Democratic executive committee members are: E. S. A. Eleanor, Reynoldson township, chairman; W. L. Askew, Hall township; C. C. Savage, Hazlett township; G. B. Morgan, Holly Grove; W. J. Rountree, Mintonville township; S. C. Baines, Hunters Mill township; and S. P. Cross, Gatesville, secretary.

## Commissioners Select Jurors For Big Court

Selection of jurors for the November 22 term of Gates county superior court was one of the principal acts of business conducted by the Gates county board of commissioners Monday.

Jurors for the term or court and their home townships are: Gatesville—C. N. Howell, C. C. Berryman, Glyn N. Lilly, J. F. Eure and J. R. Howell.

Mintonville—J. T. Blanchard, J. W. Hudgins, Jr., H. C. Pierce, J. O. King, and Alfred Hollowell.

Hunters Mill—Thurman Baines, S. C. Baines, Elbert Riddick, C. H. Stallings, and G. H. Briggs. Holly Grove—S. N. Blunt, El-

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## Milk and Butter Figures Announced

To be eligible for subsidies for the sale of milk and butter, a person must have sold at least 240 pounds of milk and or 25 pounds of butter during October, County Agent John Artz announced this week.

Program announced by the county agent last week which will provide sellers of milk and butter with a subsidy will pay four cents a pound on butter after the 25-pound mark has been reached and 40 cents per hundred pounds on milk after the 240-pound mark has been attained, Artz explained.

Following the discovery of the case in Gates community, a number of citizens and patrons of the Gates school have approached the school superintendent with requests that the school be closed until it can be determined if any other cases have developed because of exposure to the child who has been placed in Duke hospital.

Excerpts from the letter to Mr. Overman:

"So far, having only one case in the county, there is no need for the people of that community to be come panicky.

"There is much about infantile paralysis that is not yet understood, but we do know that it is more prevalent in the summer months and with the advent of cold weather any existing epidemic usually stops immediately. Since this is the fall of the year, and not hot summer weather, we can be thankful that cold weather is practically here. Infantile paralysis is not highly contagious. In other words, second cases are usually not found in the same household.

"The interval of time between exposure and onset of symptoms varies between three to eighteen days, most commonly ten to twelve days. So from the date of onset of the Benton case, October 24, 1943, if we have no other case by November 11, 1943, we can take for granted that we will not have a case spread by contact with the Benton child.

"There is no need to close the school unless other cases develop. The child has been sent to Duke hospital and will be kept there until the period of quarantine has expired.

"For the benefit of the people who are afraid, there are stated below some general rules of health which should be followed no matter what communicable disease is present in a community:

"Parents should see to it that children wash their hands before eating, that they do not use public towels or common drinking cups, that they cover nose and mouth when sneezing or coughing, and that they keep fingers out of nose and mouth and put nothing in the mouth which has been soiled in the slightest degree by others. A child should never be kissed on the mouth. He should have good, simple food, including pasteurized milk, at home and for his school lunches, and plenty of water to drink. He should go to bed early and have regular bowel movements.

"It is desirable to keep the house as clean as possible. Use plenty of soap and water; fight flies, mice, rats, and other vermin; and remember that fresh air and sunlight are destroyers of germs."