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123 FB Members Sign Up In Week

With Raleigh Hobbs of Hobbsville leading all volunteer workers with 70 Farm Bureau members to his credit, nine out of 25 solicitors have reported a total of 123 Farm Bureau members secured in the first week of a campaign to sign up 300 members in Gates county, Farm Agent John Artz reported Monday.

Canvassers and the total number of members secured by each are: Hobbs 70; Ike Riddick of Hobbsville, 17; Clyde Jones of Gatesville, 10; J. M. King of Gates, 8; Lee Riddick of Corapeake, 3; Miss Ethel Parker of Gatesville, 3; Robin Hood of Gatesville, 2; B. H. Ward of Sunbury, 5; M. B. Hobbs of Sunbury, 5.

Meeting of the Farm Bureau solicitors which was originally scheduled to be held Friday night in the Agricultural Building Auditorium has been moved to December 7 because of the conflict with the AAA elections Friday, Artz announced.

Solicitors are requested to meet in the auditorium on December 7 and make a complete report of the number of members they have secured.

The campaign will not close on that night, Artz pointed out. The meeting will serve only to give a complete checkup on the number of members secured.

Older Youths Plan Christmas Party on 22nd

Committees were named to plan for a Christmas party on December 22 at the Older Youth meeting in Gatesville Friday night, November 26.

A group composed of Garris Parker, Timothy Parker, Lillian Parker and Abe Sawyer, Jr., was named program committee. Decoration committee of Irving Taylor and Hazel and Evelyn Piland was selected. Nell Louise Carter, Fred Stallings, Johnnie Baker and Reba Brown were named on the refreshments committee.

Program for the meeting Friday night was in charge of Reba Brown, Johnnie Baker and Fred Stallings. Edna Earle Lang of Gatesville won the prize. Twenty members of the club were present.

W. J. Jones Rites Held

Funeral services for William Jessie Jones, 80, who died at his home near here Friday night, were conducted Sunday afternoon at 3 o'clock from the Gatesville Baptist church by the Rev. Joane Guy, Sr., assisted by Rev. J. M. Jolliff of the Gatesville Methodist church. Burial was in the family cemetery.

Mr. Jones is survived by one brother, Walter Jones, of Gatesville; six sisters, Mrs. J. B. Nixon of Gatesville, Mrs. J. T. Jessup of Portsmouth, Va., Mrs. Almira Hinton and Mrs. C. W. Lassiter, both of Sunbury, Mrs. D. M. Rice of Norfolk, Va., and Miss Jane Jones of Gatesville.

'Out of the Night'



One of Britain's night fighters takes part in a soccer game in his time off. The goggles help prepare his eyes so that his vision is ready for night operations.

Improved Bus Service Sought For This Area

Agitation for better bus service between Elizabeth City, Gatesville, Winton and Ahoskie has again been ignited by the concern of Bundy & Moran, certified public accountants, of Elizabeth City.

In a letter to L. B. Wickersham, general manager, Norfolk Southern Bus Corporation, Norfolk, Va., John Moran, member of the concern, points out the discrepancies in the bus schedule from Elizabeth City to Sunbury which results in a delay of two and one-half hours in Sunbury while waiting for a bus going to Gatesville, Winton and Ahoskie.

Mr. Moran points out that the schedule of the 2:10 p. m. bus from Elizabeth City misses the Carolina Coach Company bus at Sunbury by 10 to 25 minutes.

"If the schedule of the 2:10 p. m. bus from Elizabeth City was advanced only a few minutes, there would be prompt service at Gatesville, Winton and Ahoskie instead of a lay over of two and one-half hours at Sunbury," he wrote.

RURITANS TO HAVE LADIES NIGHT

The Sunbury Ruritan club will observe Ladies Night at its next regular meeting which is to be held in the Sunbury school building on Tuesday night, December 14, at 7 o'clock.

16-YEAR-OLD KILLS DEER

Bill Baines, 16-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Baines killed a 10-prong, 200-pound deer Thursday morning. His brother, Edgar, also killed a deer Thursday morning weighing 100 lbs.

An 18-year-old Gatesville Boy Writes a Letter Home

Following is an excerpt from a letter written by an 18-year-old Gatesville boy to his parents:

Dear Mother and Dad:

"I don't know anything to write about, but I have been thinking of you all day long, and just have to drop you a line tonight. Sundays don't seem the same any more, going to school and you don't have anything to even remind you that it is Sunday.

I was thinking today of the Sundays I use to spend at home. I would get up around nine o'clock and go to church; after church I would sit around and read the paper and listen to the radio, waiting for you to fix dinner, mother. After a good meal, I would always find somewhere to go, come home around supper time, and get some of that good old ham. You know I always enjoyed those meals we use to eat, all sitting around in the kitchen. After supper I would be gone till you all went to bed. I didn't spend much time at home, and for that I am sorry. You know you never find out some things till it is too late.

I sure would like to be there with you tonight. I bet you are sitting around that old stove listening to the radio. I will be glad when those days can come back, but now we all have a job to do before we can live that life again. We have to make a good job out of it, so we can go on living the life we want to live without being disturbed by some dirty Jap. The way I feel about it is—I would like to be with you, but I would rather be here doing my part for you."

"Gates County Index" Brings Together Two Men In Pacific

The words, "Gates County Index," provided the medium by which two Gates county youths in the Pacific war zone were able to meet and enjoy a homecoming thousands of miles from the familiar fields of Gates county.

Story of the reunion was written to Mrs. W. R. Cowper of Gatesville, mother of Capt. W. R. Cowper, Jr., U. S. Army Air forces, who wrote of meeting Lt. J. A. Harrell, Jr., of Sunbury, who has distinguished himself recently in his flying feats.

Captain Cowper wrote that he was in his headquarters and heard someone behind him ask for his "Gates County Index." Hardly believing that it were possible for a person from his native Gates county to be within hundreds of miles of him, Captain Cowper said that he continued talking to his friends.

Several minutes later, however, he wrote his mother, he heard someone say, "Here is your Gates County Index."

A reunion between the two Gates county men followed.

In civilian life neither of the two knew the other, but their meeting in the Pacific was like seeing a life-long friend.

Navy Recruiter At Sunbury

J. W. Brown, chief petty officer in charge of recruiting at the Elizabeth City Naval station, announced this week that he would be in Sunbury on December 9 to assist anyone interested in joining the Navy.

White and Negro boys 17 years of age are eligible to enter the Navy, Brown said, provided they can pass the required tests.

Triple-Election Friday

Meeting in community sessions, Gates county farmers Friday night will elect community committeemen who will represent them in operating the War Food Program and the Agricultural Conservation Program of the AAA during 1944, John Artz, county farm agent, announced Monday.

Each community will elect three regular community committeemen and two alternates and a delegate and an alternate delegate to the county convention which will be held in the Agricultural Building Auditorium Saturday morning at 10 a. m. in Gatesville. The county AAA committee will be named at the convention.

Any tenant or landlord who participated in the AAA program during 1943 is eligible to vote in the elections.

Elections will be held in the following places: Gatesville community—F. H. Rountree's store at Eason's Crossroads; Hall community—C. E. Sawyer's store at Eure; Holly Grove—W. M. Rountree's store at Corapeake; Hunter's Mill—B. H. Ward's store at Bosley; Mintonsville—Ned Rountree's store near Gates; Sunbury—McCoy's store at Kellogg's fork; Zion—W. L. White's store near Zion church; and Haslett's—C. B. Lee's store.

All meetings will be held at 8 p. m.

S. P. Cross Is Nominated

S. P. Cross of Gatesville is expected to qualify for the vacancy on the Gates county board of education at a meeting of the board next Monday, Supt. of Schools W. Henry Overman announced this week.

Mr. Cross has been nominated for the position by the Democratic executive committee. He is to fill the vacancy caused by the death of R. E. Williams.

Father, Son Hurt in Wreck

S. R. Rountree of Route 1, Gatesville, received chest injuries and his son, Herbert, 10, suffered a broken nose, when a truck Rountree was driving ran into the side of a locomotive of the Norfolk & Portsmouth Belt Line Railway at a railway crossing in Norfolk at 1:10 o'clock Saturday afternoon, according to a report filed at police headquarters in Norfolk.

Neither father nor son was apparently seriously hurt.

CEILING PRICES

Ceiling prices on turkeys, hens and broilers were announced by Mrs. L. C. Hand, Jr., this week from the Gates county rationing board.

Prices on turkeys are: under 18 pounds, 47c; 18 to 22 pounds, 46c; 22 pounds and over, 44c.

Prices on chickens are: broilers, 38c; hens, 34c.

All prices are for fowl on foot, Mrs. Hand said.