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Public Educational Program is Voted By Peanut Industry

Meeting in Washington, D. C., last Monday and Tuesday, December 6 and 7, the peanut industry, represented by its national organization, the National Peanut Council, Inc., initiated a program of public education in the goodness and greatness of the peanut as a basic human food which, it is believed by leaders in all segments of the industry, will do much to hold a permanent and stable market for peanuts after the war-created demand for peanuts for oil has subsided.

With funds subscribed through the National Peanut Council by its membership, which is composed of shellers, crushers, salters, peanut butter manufacturers, confectioners, brokers, farmers marketing organizations, and others associated with the peanut industry in service capacities, the J. Walker Thompson Co., nationally-known advertising agency, was engaged to conduct a campaign of public education through press, radio, and other media of information to bring forcefully to the attention of the housewife and others the outstanding food values of the peanut. At the same time, a program of research to explore further and perfect new methods for better utilization, processing, and packaging peanuts and peanut products was authorized by the council.

Decision to enter on a national educational campaign under the direction of one of the outstanding public relations organizations in the country, was made by the industry at this time, when there is a greater demand for peanuts than either farmers or processors can fill, from realization that after the war-time stimulus of peanuts-for-oil has passed there must be a permanent market for peanuts on the tables of American homes, if the greatly expanded production of peanuts is to be absorbed and present processing capacities kept active. The decision to underwrite this national educational campaign is as a part of the peanut industry's planning to meet one of the post-war problems that face both farmers and processors of peanuts.

The meetings of the Council at which the program was studied and approved were well attended by members of the organization and leaders in the peanut industry throughout the nation. J. B. Hutson, president of the Commodity Credit Corporation, was the guest speaker at the closing luncheon session at the Hotel Statler, and commended the industry for the step it had taken toward planning to meet the problems that would be foreseen in the coming transition to peace-time commerce.

Mayon Parker, of Ahoskie, a member of the board of directors of the National Peanut Council, attended the meetings and took part in the formulation of the plans for the national promotional and educational campaign. "It gives me a great deal of satisfaction to see this project become reality because I sincerely believe it is one that has long been needed. This pro-

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Gates Public Offices Close December 23

All Gates county offices will be closed for the Christmas holidays from Thursday night until Monday morning, a survey of the offices showed this week.

State employees in Gates county will start their Christmas holidays at noon Thursday and return to work on Monday morning, according to instructions released from Raleigh this week, it was said.

The offices of the sheriff, school superintendent, register of deeds and clerk of court will close Thursday night. The ACA office, and the home and farm agents Christmas holidays are to be decided this week.

FORMER PASTOR MADE CHAPLAIN

The Rev. Paul Forsythe of Boonville, former pastor of the Gatesville Baptist church, has been commissioned a chaplain in the United States Naval Reserve. He is now stationed at Williamsburg, Va.

Christmas Holidays December 21-29

Through an error the date of the start of Christmas holidays in Gates county schools was stated as December 22 in the Index last week.

The correct date is December 21. Schools will close at the end of classes on December 21 and students will return on the morning of December 29.

Episcopal Minister of Hertford, Gates Counties to Be Priested

The Rev. John H. Bonner, Jr., of Ahoskie, deacon-in-charge of the Episcopal churches at Ahoskie, Winton, Murfreesboro, Sunbury and Gatesville, will be ordained to the Priesthood in the St. Thomas' Episcopal Church in Ahoskie on December 21 in services beginning at 11:30 a. m.

The Rt. Rev. Thomas C. Darst, of Wilmington, D. D., Bishop of East Carolina, will ordain Bonner. This will be Bishop Darst's annual visitation to this field, for at the service a confirmation class will be presented, Bonner said.

Bonner first came to this field in June 1941 while he was still a student at the Seminary. He continued to be in charge of the Episcopal churches in Ahoskie, Winton and Murfreesboro until his ordination to the Diaconate in November 1942.

Upon completion of his course

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Status Of Gates Fathers Affected Little By New Law

It's on the Japs



A Japanese motorcycle loaded with beer was one of the prizes captured by American soldiers during their assault on Makin Island. A group is shown drinking a toast to continued Allied victories.

50 Participate In Reynoldson Church Pageant

The Pageant of the Nativity, depicting the Birth of Christ and its celebration as given in the New Testament will be portrayed in words, music and scenes by 50 characters at Reynoldson Baptist Church at 8 o'clock on Sunday night, December 19.

Those taking parts will be costumed in the oriental garb of the time of Christ. The Prophet, represented by Dr. J. L. Carrick, the Pastor, will give the prophecies concerning the coming of the Christ child.

The Angel will be portrayed by Miss Lillian Riddick Parker.

Selective Service regulation passed by Congress last week delaying the induction of pre-Pearl Harbor fathers until all single men are taken apparently will not have much effect on the fathers in Gates county, according to information revealed.

At present the Gates county draft board does not have any white men in 1A from which to draw its January and February allotments. The last batch of 1A Negro men are being sent to induction centers this month.

A few 18-year-olds—who are snatched up by the draft board almost as soon as they become of age—and a few men whose deferment expires in the next few months are the only registrants in the county from which the draft board is able to draw its quotas.

At the most, according to estimates, Gates county pre-Pearl Harbor fathers who welcomed the legislation delaying their induction can hope for only three or four months respite. On a nationwide scale, the law is expected to delay the drafting of fathers not later than six months.

364 in Farm Bureau; Total Can Reach 600

ANNUAL XMAS PARTY IS HELD

Eure.—The Eure home demonstration club held its annual Christmas party at the school building on Thursday night, December 9 with 35 present.

COTTON GINNING REPORT

Census report shows that 3,160 bales of cotton were ginned in Gates county from the crop of 1943 prior to December 1 as compared with 3,995 bales for the crop of 1942.

Belief was expressed in Gates county Monday that membership in the Gates county Farm Bureau would reach nearly 600 by the time complete returns from all workers are filed and by the time all sections of the county are worked for Farm Bureau members.

Organization among the Negro farmers in Gates county is yet to be completed and the Sunbury community has not yet been worked.

Report by townships so far in the drive for 300 members in the Farm Bureau reveals that a total of 364 members have been secured—64 over the goal established for the county several weeks ago when the contest was started.

Township totals so far as released by S. P. Cross, secretary of the organization, are: Mintonville 108; Hunters Mill 67; Hall 53; Gatesville 54; Holly Grove 40; Hasletts 26; Reynoldson 16.

Three Associate Members have been secured. They are Bank of Hobbsville, L. W. Hathaway of Hobbsville and W. L. White of Gatesville.

Meeting Tuesday

A meeting of all members of the Farm Bureau, their families, friends and neighbors will be held Tuesday night, December 21, in the Gatesville school auditorium. A speaker will be secured for the occasion and another report on the progress of the membership drive will be given.

All members of the Farm Bureau are urged to plan on attending the function and to bring their families and friends.

Christmas Program At Baptist Church

A cantata, "Chimes of the Holy Night," will be presented at the Gatesville Baptist church December 19.

The choir will be composed of members of the Baptist and Methodist churches.

Junior Class Presents Comedy Here Friday

The Junior class of Gatesville high school will present a three-act comedy, "Sis Perkins," Friday night December 17 at 8:30 p. m. in the high school auditorium.

The play is set in the home of the aristocratic chandlers of New York, and involves the invasion of this home by the country cousin from Missouri. The cast is:

"Sis" Perkins, Jessie Ree Doughtie; Mrs. Elizabeth Chandler, Nell Rose Ellis; Marcia Chandler, Gloria Eason; Baldwin Chandler, Bill Frank Deans; Lydia la Salle, Dorothy Jean Hand; Violet Astor, Etheleen Brown; Count Gaston de Long, Claude Willey Hinton; Elviry Sniffkins, Margaret Joliff; Jay Schuyler, Kermit Jordan; Carter, Robert Lee Rountree.

War Veteran Is Promoted

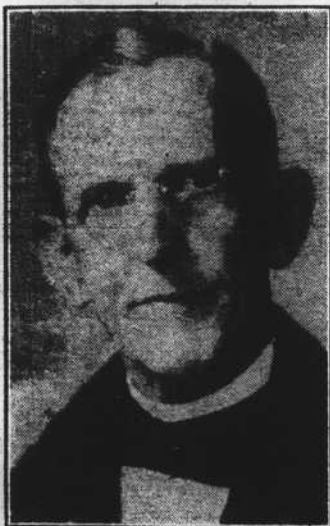
John Stewart Rawls, son of Mr. and Mrs. R. E. Rawls of Gatesville, was promoted to chief pharmacist mate November 1. He is now on shore duty at San Francisco, Calif.

He saw action at Pearl Harbor, Gilbert Islands, Kiska and Guadalcanal. He was awarded the good conduct medal in February after four years of service.

BASKETBALL TWIN BILL FRIDAY

Gates high school will play Sunbury high in the Gatesville gymnasium Friday at 8 p. m. in a doubleheader basketball feature.

Bishop Darst



The Rt. Rev. Thomas C. Darst of Wilmington who will ordain the Rev. John H. Bonner, Jr., of Ahoskie, to the priesthood in services at Ahoskie Tuesday.