

# Gates County Index

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## Scarlet Fever Case Reported in Gates County

One case of scarlet fever has been reported in Gates county this month. For the benefit of parents whose children have not had this disease, we are stating some facts about scarlet fever which may be helpful in securing an early diagnosis of future cases and preventing the spread of this disease.

Definition: Scarlet fever is a communicable disease, characterized by a sore throat, fever, vomiting, and a diffuse eruption which appears the second or third day of the fever.

Symptoms: Onset is usually sudden, beginning with sore throat, vomiting, fever, which is followed in two or three days by a generalized pin-point rash. A well child complains of his throat at 6 p. m., vomits his supper and is found to have a high fever, (100 to 104 degrees) before 9 p. m. After about two days of fever the rash begins to break out on the neck and chest, in the folds of the arms

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## Lenten Services At St. Mary's Scheduled Here

A special Lenten service will be held each Tuesday night in St. Mary's Episcopal Church in Gatesville.

The Rev. John H. Bonner, Jr., priest-in-charge, will deliver a series of sermons on the Christian Doctrine of Man. The first of these services will be held Tuesday night, February 29 at 8 p. m. The theme for this sermon, "Nature, Man and God," will serve as an introduction to the sermons which are to follow.

The subjects to be treated on succeeding Tuesday nights are "Man as Creator"; "Man and the State"; "Man and the Family"; "Man, the educator"; "Man and the Church". The members of all the churches in this community are invited to attend and take part in these services.

## Gates Over Quota In War Loan Drive; Short On E Bonds

By ROBIN HOOD, Chairman War Finance Committee.

The school children in the five white schools in the county have gotten real results in their war bond contest. The county now has enough purchases in the Series E bonds to buy the fighter plane. Gatesville and Sunbury are still "fighting it out" for first place. Gatesville is leading with an average of \$107.59 per student and Sunbury is close behind with an average of \$97.39. Hobbsville comes third with an average of \$62.49 and Gates has an average of \$23.83 and Eure \$10.33.

The contest will end on the last day of this month at which time all receipts will be checked and the various winners will be announced in each of the schools. Sunbury has an average of \$10.20

## 16 Farm Units Required Now For Draft Deferment

Gates county selective service board has received instructions from the National Draft Headquarters to require 16 farming units of a man before he can be deferred from army duty because of his agricultural pursuits, it was announced Monday.

Mrs. W. H. Overman, clerk to the board, said Monday, she was unable now to determine how many men this new ruling would effect, but that she expected a good many farmers in the county had better check-up on their units and see if they are producing their maximum.

It was pointed out that this new ruling—which supercedes the 12-unit-requirement voted by the Gates board—is designed to make every farmer or person en-

gaged in farming of any type or kind produce the maximum amount of food on his farm or be subject to a draft call.

It is believed that strict enforcement of this regulation will result in more balanced farms in Gates county. More livestock will have to be produced, more grain harvested to feed the animals and more poultry produced for farmers to raise their units to the required 16.

Last year, Mrs. Overman said, the county board required 10 units of a man before deferring him for his agricultural work. This year the board, in line with the actions taken by other boards in the country, increased the required units to 12. Now the requirement stands at 16.

## Waste Paper Drive For Gates County

By JOHN ARTZ, Farm Agent

The week of February 28 to March 4 has been designated by the Salvage Committee as "Waste Paper Week". During those six days every family is expected to take part in the county-wide drive to collect all available waste paper of any description for its urgent use in shipping and packing war materials.

The drive has been on in the state for several weeks but this will be the county's first attempt since 1942, to assemble such material. However, in the spring of 1942 when there was a demand for waste paper, the Gatesville, Hobbsville and Sunbury Scouts collected 25,000 pounds.

Here's What You Do

1. Look around your office or home for corrugated boxes, newspapers and magazines.
2. Make separate piles of each class if you have enough otherwise make a mixed pile.

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## Sunbury Juniors To Present Play On Friday Night

Sunbury.— The Junior Class of Sunbury high school will present a three act comedy "Beads on a String" in the high school auditorium Friday night, February 25, at 8 p. m.

The cast of characters is as follows:

Bennie Davis and Zezzalee Davis, Vance Byrum; J. H. Davis, J. T. Barnes; Benjamin Davis, Clifton Barnes; Harold Beem, J. B. Speight; Ab Dinkler, Woodrow Wilson; Mrs. J. H. Davis, Audrey Jones; Molly Malterton, Dorothy Bray; Jeannette Blue, June Jackson; and Cleopatra Oleomargarine Johnson, Thelma Hofler.

## R. P. Jones Made Ensign

Corpus Christi, Texas.— Robert Powell Jones, son of Mr. and Mrs. R. H. Jones, of Sunbury, N. C., was graduated February 12 from the Naval Air Training Center, Corpus Christi, and was commissioned an ensign in the U. S. Naval Reserve. He received his preliminary flight instruction at the Norman, Okla., reserve air base.

## Negro Injured In Truck Wreck

John Hite, Negro of Gatesville, was slightly injured last Thursday when a trailer-truck he was driving turned over in a swamp near Whaleyville.

The truck, owned by J. B. Rountree of Gatesville, was badly damaged, a report said.

The truck was loaded with 85-foot pilings and was enroute to Norfolk at the time of the accident. Hite said he was passing another truck and that his trailer got too near the edge of the dam, causing him to go into the swamp.

## Brighter Harvest Seen For Peanut Farmers In Seeking \$197.80

Peanut farmers and Farm Bureau officials, who are working with them to secure an increase in the support prices for the coming year's crop above the \$150 per ton average announced in the War Food Administration's tentative production and marketing program, are hopeful of good results from the conferences held in Washington last Wednesday and Thursday with members of congress, War Food Administration officials, and J. B. Hutson, president of the Commodity Credit Corporation.

At the conclusion of the conferences Thursday the delegations of peanut farmers, around two hundred of them representing seven of the major producing states, had received already definite assurance of favorable action on five points in their fourteen-point program offered for them by Congressman Stephen Pace, of Georgia, as the composite program sought by the peanut growers.

The fourteen point program was arrived at by joint and unanimous action of the representatives of all states meeting Wednesday night, when all differences of ideas as between various producing sections were resolved into a united stand on the fourteen points. This program was presented in a day-long session Thursday with J. B.

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## Still Destroyed Near Corapeake

A steam kettle still and 500 gallons of mash were destroyed by Sheriff Kirk Overman near Corapeake February 13, it was reported Monday.

Sheriff Overman said the still was in operation at the time he, Rufus Eason, constable of Holly Grove township, and an unidentified fellow jumped it.

No arrests could be made by the Gates county officers because the still was inside the Virginia line.

## Gates County Seeks \$4,300 in Red Cross War Fund Campaign

The Red Cross War Fund drive will begin on March 1. The purpose of which is to raise a national budget of two million dollars to carry on the work of the Red Cross program during 1944, the Rev. T. Sloane Guy, chairman, said.

The quota given Gates county is \$4,300.00. This quota has been broken down into seven parts, one for each of the seven townships, and township committees are now being selected. Each township will be expected to raise the amount of money apportioned it. The utmost care has been taken in making these apportionments so that each township would be given a fair share of the total budget to be

## News Briefs

Items of interest—state, national and international—compiled in brief form for our readers.

PEARL HARBOR.— Admiral Nimitz expanded the scope of the smashing Pacific victory in Truk with a Navy air raid on Jap bases in Kuriles as Tokyo astonished the world with an admission of a devastating attack upon Truk and with the removal of Jap army and navy chiefs of staff.

MacArthur revealed the sinking of nine more Jap ships by Allied bombers as Marines and Army boys near the completion of Eniwetok atoll conquest.

LONDON.— Terrific Allied air blows upon Germany so exhaust Nazi fighters that Americans smashed at German aircraft industry targets again in daylight with small losses as British blasted Stuttgart with loss of only 10 bombers.

ALLIED HEADQUARTERS, Naples.—German attacks weakened in the Anzio beachhead battle as Nazi failed in all-out effort to drive Americans and British forces into the sea.

WASHINGTON.— President Roosevelt has decided to veto the \$2,315,200,000 tax bill with

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