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\$160 Floor Price Is Established For Peanuts

Increase Is \$20 Ton Over Price Last Year

The base or average support price for peanuts was increased to \$160 per ton (eight cents per pound), it was announced in Washington Monday by the War Food Administration, according to information furnished this newspaper from the office of Congressman Herbert C. Bonner.

The increase in support price, although not all that farmers had asked for, represents a substantial victory for the effort begun by the Hertford County Farm Bureau last Fall to secure higher support prices for this year's crop. The Hertford county farmers' demand for better prices started with a mass meeting called by the Hertford County Farm Bureau at Murfreesboro last August, was joined in by peanut growers throughout the country, and through the continued activity of the North Carolina Farm Bureau and of the National Farm Bureau Federation the increase of \$20 per ton (one cent per pound) over last year's prices has been secured.

The announcement Monday of the increase of support prices followed a hearing in Washington three weeks ago before War Food Administration and Commodity Credit Corporation officials in which a large group of peanut farmers, led by R. Flake Shaw, executive secretary of the North Carolina Farm Bureau, from all states producing peanuts presented their case for higher support prices. In their demands, the farmers had the active support of Congressmen Herbert Bonner and John H.

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Tazewell Eure Out of Hospital

Tazewell Eure of Gatesville, Gates county register of deeds who underwent an emergency appendix operation in Norfolk General hospital two weeks ago, returned home Sunday.

Eure spent a short while at his office in the court house Monday. However, it will probably be several days before he resumes his regular office hours.

Superior Court Jurors Chosen By Commissioners

Jurors for the spring term of Gates county superior court which convenes March 27 in Gatesville with Judge Leo Carr of Burlington presiding were chosen at the meeting of the board of commissioners Monday.

By townships they are:
Gatesville township: W. R. Cowper, M. L. Piland, O. E. Eure and G. R. Lassiter.

Hunter's Mill township: C. H. Pierce, W. G. Britt, W. W. Hoffer and Lonnie Spivey.

Mintonville township: Lowther Wright, L. M. Boyce, O. L. Brown and E. A. Blanchard.

Holly Grove township: G. C. Hobbs, Ernest Daniels, Emmett E. Parker and J. C. Vann.

Hasletts township: L. T. Harrell, J. L. Brinkley, E. B. Horton and Marvin E. Baker.

Reynoldson: John C. Sawyer, James N. Eure, R. E. Eure and L. G. Parker.

Hall township: Martin Tinkham, Eugene Mullen, Jesse M. Doughtie and Wilbur Eure.

Little Business

With the absence of Tazewell Eure, clerk to the board, the Gates county commissioners had very little business to come before it. Eure, operated on for appendicitis two weeks ago, came to the meeting long enough to read the minutes of the February meeting.

Reports were heard from the county agents, both Negro and white.

Negro Child Dies Result of Burns

Alberta Williams, 5-year-old Negro girl, died at Lakeview hospital at 5:15 p. m. Friday as the result of burns sustained four hours earlier. The child's dress caught fire as she was standing by a heater in the home of her father, Hardy Williams, near Gates.

An inquest was conducted by Dr. Edward C. Joyner, Suffolk coroner.

Funeral services were conducted at the home Sunday. Burial was in a family plot.

DANCE SCHEDULED AT GATESVILLE

A round and square dance is scheduled at Gatesville gymnasium Friday night, March 10 starting at 9 o'clock. The dance is being sponsored by the junior class of Gatesville high school. A six-piece orchestra from Ahooskie will play.

Two Local School Board Members Are Disqualified

The Gates county school board was informed Monday in a decision from Harry P. McMullan, attorney general for North Carolina, that two members of the Gatesville district board had been serving although they were ineligible.

The mistake came about, however, through no fault of the school board or of L. C. Hand and Lycurgus Howell, members of the Gatesville school board.

A constitutional law reads that no man may hold two offices in the United States at the same time. Hand is clerk of court and Howell a notary public.

Gates school officials were prone to believe that the interpretation disqualifying the two was correct, but at the same time expressed amazement at the interpretation.

No action was taken on the appointment of men to succeed Hand and Howell. Appointments were continued until the next meeting of the board.

Mildred Parker Claimed by Death

Miss Mildred Parker, daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. J. Parker, died Tuesday morning, February 29, at Duke hospital in Durham following an illness of two months.

Funeral services were conducted Thursday at 12 o'clock in the Scotland Neck funeral home by the Rev. C. E. Crawford. Burial was made in the Episcopal cemetery at Scotland Neck.

Prior to her death, Miss Parker was employed as a switch board operator at Lakeview hospital in Suffolk. She worked at this position several months last year. Before that she had taught music in the high schools at Hobgood and at Gates.

Miss Parker was a member of the Reynoldson Baptist church and for several years was church organist.

She is survived by two sisters, Mrs. D. W. Downs of Hobgood with whom she had recently made her home, and Mrs. Lucille Eure of Gates; four brothers, J. S. Parker of Sumter, S. C., T. B., L. G. and E. A. Parker of Gates.

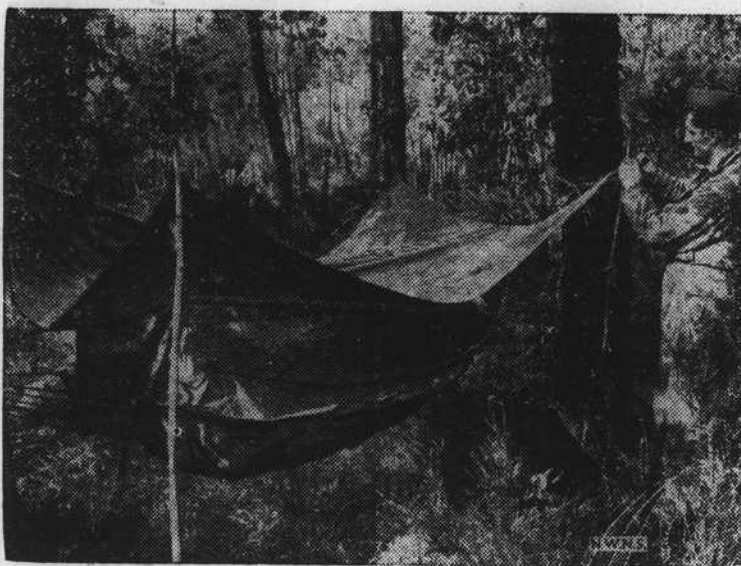
4-H Meetings Scheduled

Schedule of 4-H club meetings Gates county for March was announced Monday by John Artz, county farm agent.

The schedule: Sunbury, March 8; Eure, March 9; Gates, March 10; Hobbsville, March 13; and Gatesville, March 14.

The meetings will be held in the morning at the schools. Project work and books for 1944 will be discussed.

Something New in Marine Equipment



One of the latest additions to Marine Corps equipment, this jungle hammock is being demonstrated by a leatherneck somewhere in the Pacific. Complete with overhead rubber protector, mosquito netting and zipper, the hammock is a comfortable sleeping sack either slung between trees or lowered into an extra deep foxhole. It first made its appearance in the Bougainville campaign.

State Agricultural Workers Fight 16-Unit Requirement

A fight against the Selective Service proposal to pull into the service draft-age farmers not producing 16 war units has been launched in this state and in Washington by Commissioner of Agriculture W. Kerr Scott, his assistant D. S. Coltrane, and other officials of the State Department of Agriculture.

In appealing for a reduction in the number of units necessary for deferment, Scott points out that "the present plan for the drafting of agricultural labor will seriously curtail the production of important commodities for the prosecution of the war."

N. C. Production

He said that North Carolina last year produced six percent of the nation's cottonseed and lint; 70 percent of the flue-cured tobacco; 11 percent of the sweet potatoes; 13 percent of the peanuts; 20 percent of the lespedeza seed; and three percent of the Irish potatoes.

Upon his return from a series of Washington conferences on the agricultural draft situation

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Funeral Services For Mrs. Lilley Scheduled Today

Mrs. Gladys Brinkley Lilley, 39, died Monday morning at 5:30 following a short illness.

Funeral services will be conducted Wednesday afternoon (today) at 3:30 from the Cypress Chapel Christian church with the Rev. R. E. Brittle officiating. Burial will be made in the church cemetery.

She is survived by her husband, H. E. Lilley; two daughters, Mary Frances and Dorothy Ann Lilley; her mother, Mrs. Katie Brinkley of Nansemond county, Va.; four sisters, Mrs. A. A. Ellis of Suffolk, Va., Mrs. Victor Reibaldi of Portsmouth, Va., Mrs. H. V. Beamon of Gatesville, and Mrs. H. T. Holloman of Nansemond county, Va.; four brothers, S/Sgt. Josiah W. Brinkley who is overseas, Pvt. William C. Brinkley of Camp Blanding, Fla., R. T. Brinkley of Portsmouth, Va., and Harry Brinkley of Nansemond county, Va.

Gatesville Wins Bond Contest; Plane Named "Gates County"

Gatesville school students, in a war bond contest sponsored by the banks in the county, won a \$50 prize for having the highest percentage per student in bond purchases, according to figures announced Monday by Robin Hood, war finance chairman for Gates county.

The contest, lasting through the fourth war loan campaign, was principally responsible for Gates county being one of the 54 counties in North Carolina to exceed both its "E" bond quota and its overall goal in the campaign closed last month.

A total of 203 students in the Gatesville school solicited \$30,731.25 in war bonds for a percentage per pupil of \$151.38. Sunbury school placed second in the percentages although the students sold \$36,993.75 in bonds—a percentage of \$122.91. Three hundred and one Sunbury students accounted for the bonds sold.

Other figures for the schools were: Hobbsville, 225 students, \$15,950 in bonds, \$70.88 average; Gates, 133 students, \$3,956.25 in bonds, \$29.75 average; Eure, 118 students, \$1,145.75 in

bonds, \$12.23 average.

Nine hundred eighty students in the white schools accounted for \$89,075 in bonds for a per student average of \$90.89.

Hood especially complimented Raymond Lee of the Sunbury school for the interest he displayed in the contest. Raymond, teen-aged student, turned in 43 receipts, the most turned in by any student in the county.

For selling the highest percentage of bonds per student, the Gatesville school will be pre-

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