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12 Pages This Week

Bart Fearing Of Windsor Talks At Farm Unit Meet

Members of the Gates county Farm Bureau in a meeting at Hobbsville school Friday night, March 24, heard Bart Fearing of Windsor speak on the peanut situation in the United States.

Fearing spoke to the farmers in the absence of Joe Williams, assistant secretary of the North Carolina Farm Bureau who was unable to make the trip to Hobbsville for the meeting.

Represented at the meeting were all townships in Gates county except Hasletts. Thirty-six farmers from Mintonville were present; two from Reynolds; four from Holly Grove; 12 from Hunter's Mill; seven from Gatesville; three from Hall.

Ivey B. Riddick, a member of the State Peanut Committee, made a report on the recent conference in Washington where a higher support price was secured for the 1944 peanut crop.

Show and Dance Are Scheduled For Seal Drive

Official start of the Gates county Easter Seal drive was delayed Sunday night when a picture show, scheduled to have been given for the benefit of the campaign, was not held because the film failed to arrive in time.

It was announced in Gatesville Monday morning, however, that the film had arrived and that the show, "Arkansas Judge," would be presented Sunday night, April 2, starting at 9 p. m.

A dance will be held Friday night at 8:30 p. m. in the Gatesville gymnasium, the proceeds of which will be contributed to the drive. A 6-piece orchestra from Ahsokie will play and both round and square dancing will be offered.

The drive ends April 9. Goal is \$400.

Four R-C Youths Enlist in Navy

Three Gatesville youths and one young man from Conway enlisted in the U. S. Navy last week, J. W. Brown, Naval recruiter from Elizabeth City, reported.

Enlistees were: Marion (Pete) Baines, William (Billy) Franklin Deans, and Richard Palmer Jolliff, all of Gatesville. They were assigned to the Naval Air Corps at Jacksonville, Fla. John Jenkins Underwood of Conway also enlisted in the Naval Air Corps and was sent to Jacksonville, Fla.

WELFARE OFFICE TO CLOSE APRIL 10

Miss Clarine Gatling welfare superintendent for Gates county, said this week that the welfare department office would be closed on Easter Monday, April 10. All State Departments in North Carolina will be closed on that day.

50 Percent

Survey of stores in Gates county during the week of March 13 through 18 revealed that 50.3 percent of the merchants are complying with the OPA community ceiling prices and regulations, according to a report from Mrs. Iris Hand, price clerk.

Mrs. Hand Monday issued through the Index a special thanks to price panel members, assistant panel members and the merchants for their cooperation during the check.

Take Your Waste Paper to Schools Soon As Possible

With manufacturers urgently requesting the people of the United States to save all their waste paper and contribute it for use in the making of war materials, John Artz, county farm agent and chairman of the salvage committee, this week issued a special appeal for Gates county citizens to get all their waste paper to the schools as soon as possible.

"We have a ready market for all we can collect," Artz said, "and it is vitally needed. Schools are receiving approximately one-half a cent per pound for all the paper they collect. Help your school earn this money by sending or bringing your waste papers—and especially magazines—to the depots."

It is hoped, Artz added, that the Boy Scouts in Sunbury and Hobbsville will direct a drive to secure all the old magazines in the two sections.

Walter L. Eure Of Gates Gets Ensign Stripe

Great Lake, Ill. — Walter L. Eure, 20, son of Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Eure, of Gates, N. C., was commissioned an Ensign in the U. S. Naval Reserve when he was graduated recently from the Naval Training School for midshipmen at Abbott Hall, Northwestern University, Chicago, Ill.

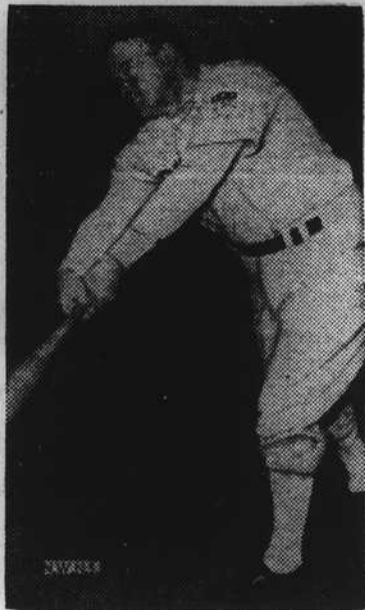
His completed three-month course consisted of navigation, seamanship and gunnery. The newly commissioned Ensign will now see action with the fleet as a deck officer.

Roberts Jernigan Talks to Ruritan

Roberts H. Jernigan, Jr., of Ahsokie, was the principal speaker at the meeting of the Gatesville Ruritan Club Monday night, March 20.

Jernigan, who was returned to the United States on the Gripsholm in December, described his interment by the Japanese. The Ahsokie man represented an oil concern in China and was taken prisoner shortly after Pearl Harbor.

Sheds Suet



Joe Cronin, hefty manager of the Boston Red Sox, is streamlining his frame here via taking a choice cut at the ball as his team opened spring training at Tufts College, Medford, Mass.

Grand Jury Makes Report Monday In Superior Court

March term of the Gates county Superior court opened Monday morning in the court house in Gatesville and the first day's session adjourned Monday afternoon at 5 o'clock with the court hearing the Sheffield-Hollowell case over the sale of a farm. Judge Leo Carr of Burlington is presiding.

One criminal case was handled—the only criminal case scheduled — Monday morning. Lonnie Johnson, Negro of Roduco, was found guilty of assault with a deadly weapon, and was sentenced to two years suspended on the payment of a \$100 fine and costs.

Grand Jury Report

Gates county Grand Jury Monday returned a clean slate for all the county officers and made only one recommendation—that the outside toilets of the jail be kept in a sanitary condition.

All school buses in the county with the exception of two are in good condition and are making reasonable schedules, the Grand Jury reported.

Complete report of the Grand Jury investigation follows:

"We the Grand Jury, respectfully submit the following report:

"We have examined the office of clerk of superior court, and the records and office were found to be in satisfactory condition. The clerk reports satisfactory accounting of executors, administrators and guardians, with the exception of one or two, a little delinquent as to time of filing accounts, and that his office is giving the proper attention to them.

"The offices of register of deeds and the county superintendent of public instruction are also found to be in satisfactory

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LEGION MEETS THURSDAY NIGHT

The Gates county post of the American Legion and the Auxiliary will meet Thursday night, March 30, at 8 p. m. in the Legion Hut at Gatesville, Paul Hoffer, commander, announced.

More Tobacco and Peanuts To Be Harvested In 1944

Substantial increases in tobacco and sweet potato acreages over the acreages harvested last year are predicted in the March report of the Crop Reporting Service of the State Department of Agriculture. Moderate increases in peanuts, corn, oats and hay are indicated, the report indicates.

Early spring farm plans are always subject to changes caused by weather conditions, availability of labor, supplies, and equipment, the report points out. "It appears that

Estimations by agricultural experts that tobacco and peanut acreage in North Carolina will be increased during 1944 holds true for Gates county in tobacco but not in peanuts, according to statements made Monday by John Artz, county farm agent.

Artz estimated that nearly 350 acres of tobacco would be produced in Gates county this year. The increase in the tobacco acreage will be made by the old growers taking advantage of the 20 percent increase granted them this year. There are no new tobacco growers in Gates county for 1944.

Planted peanut acreage will be about the same this year as last, Artz said, but hopes for a larger yield are being held. Last year 13,299 acres of peanuts were planted as compared to approximately 12,499 acres harvested.

farmers plan to operate at the full capacity of labor and equipment, and any changes from early March plans—either intentional or unintentional—would be more likely to result in smaller acreages than now planned, rather than in large acreages."

A shortage of farm labor is a general complaint, the report states. Frequent and heavy rains have delayed field work.

More Tobacco

The report highlights follow: Tobacco — March 1 planting plans point to an increase of approximately 100,000 acres in flue-cured tobacco, or 18 percent more than grown in 1943.

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Mrs. Brothers, 68, Dies at Newland

Elizabeth City. — Mrs. Mary Ellen Brothers, 68, mother of J. J. Brothers of Conway, former principal of Gatesville school, died March 19 at her home in Newland following a short illness.

Funeral services were conducted March 21 at the Newland Methodist church by the Rev. J. M. Jolliff of Gatesville. Burial was made in the Cohen cemetery.

Survivors include 13 children: Rev. L. C. Brothers and J. J. Brothers of Conway; John A. Brothers of Mobile, Ala.; Mrs. William Reed of Washington, D. C.; Mrs. Cecil Winslow of Hertford; H. H. Brothers, of South Mills; Mrs. John Scott of Weeksville; James A. and Talmage A. Brothers and Mrs. M. L. Whitehurst of Newland; Mrs. Hunter Spangler, Mrs. William Shippe and Miss Bertie Brothers of Norfolk; 19 grandchildren and four great grandchildren.

His Brother's Grave



On bended knee, Pvt. Ralph Forrester of the Canadian Seaforth Highlanders, prays at his brother's grave in an Italian cemetery.

Harry Langston Of Gates Seriously Wounded in Italy

Harry L. Langston, Jr., 29, son of Mr. and Mrs. H. L. Langston of Gates, has been seriously wounded in Italy, according to word receiving last Tuesday, March 21, by his parents from the War Department.

The brief message said little beyond the fact that Pfc. Langston had been wounded in action on February 24 in Italy. Pfc. Langston entered the armed forces three years ago and has been stationed in Italy for 15 months.

Old Coupons Now Invalid

Raleigh, March 29.—The Raleigh District Office of Price Administration has announced that after March 31, the following ration coupons and stamps will be invalid.

1. Old-type "B" and "B-1" coupons and "C" and "C-1" coupons which have not been issued since November 30, 1943.

2. Old-type "E" and "R" coupons which have not been issued since October 1, 1943.

3. All strip "T" coupons which do not bear a quarterly designation which expire on March 31.

Most of the old-type "B", "C", "E" and "R" coupons still in circulation represent expired rations. In the few cases in which they are part of currently valid rations with an expiration date later than March 31, ration holders may exchange them at their local boards for coupons of the types now valid.

Gasoline dealers who have any of these invalidated types of ration evidences on hand on April 1 must surrender them by April 10.

WMU TO MEET ON APRIL 4

The Woman's Missionary Union of the Chowan Association will meet with the Hertford Baptist church Tuesday, April 4, beginning at 10:30 a. m. Miss Pearl Johnson, Chinese missionary, will be the speaker.