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Last Rites Held For Young Man Killed in Crash

Funeral services for Corporal Shirley R. Bunch, 20, were conducted at Beulah Baptist church Sunday afternoon at 3 o'clock by the Rev. Herbert Miller. Burial was in the family cemetery near Sandy Cross church.

He is survived by his father and mother, Mrs. Cecil G. Bunch; two brothers, Willie C. Bunch of Norfolk, Va., and Terry Bunch of Sunbury; two sisters, Mrs. Virgie White of Corapeake, and Miss Nellie Bunch of Sunbury.

Corporal Bunch was killed in a plane crash on April 19 at Hunter Field, Savannah, Ga.

His body arrived at Elizabeth City, on Friday and was taken to the Rountree and Hofler Funeral Home, Gatesville, where it remained until funeral arrangements were completed.

A guard of honor was sent from Fort Story, Va., to perform military rites. Active pallbearers were Roy Bunch, Jack Rountree, Carol Byrum, Woodrow Wilson, C. H. Pierce and Frank Rountree.

Gates Students To Give Play

An operetta will be presented Thursday night, April 27, by the elementary grades of the Gates school.

The operetta, "A Rose Dream," will start at 8:30. The play is divided in two acts.

PREACHING SERVICES

Rev. Arnold Slater of Holland, Va., will conduct services at the Damascus Christian Church in Sunbury on fifth Sunday morning, April 30, at 11 o'clock. Sunday School will be at 10 o'clock.

Plans Completed for Governor's Speech At Harrellsville April 27

Plans have been nearly completed for Governor J. M. Broughton's speech at the annual meeting of the home demonstration clubs of the 16th district in Harrellsville Thursday, April 27.

The meeting, under the direction of Miss Lydia Deyton, home agent for Hertford county, is expected to attract nearly 300 visitors from eight counties in the 16th district. Counties in the district are Gates, Hertford, Perquimans, Chowan, Pasquotank, Currituck, Camden and Dare.

Governor Broughton, who is making his second official appearance in the county since being in office, will not speak until the afternoon program. He is not expected to arrive in Harrellsville until noon.

The morning program will be taken over with reports from the different counties on their activities and other business matters.

The program will open at 11 a. m. with the Rev. W. C. Frances, pastor of the Baptist churches in Harrellsville and Christian Harbor, pronouncing

MacArthur Missives



Rep. Arthur L. Miller (R. Neb.) at his desk in Capitol with copies of letters sent to him by General MacArthur. Letters were thought by some to indicate MacArthur has made himself available for Republican presidential nomination.

\$202 Received In Cancer Drive

The total receipts to date for cancer control amount to \$202.57. Carter club sponsored a square dance on Saturday night, April 22, which netted \$52.20. Trotville club sold ice cream during the senior play at Hobbsville school and realized \$10 for this cause.

Enlistment officers reporting this past week were: Mrs. Hettelle Hofler for the Carter community; Mrs. E. P. Story, Cool Springs church; Mrs. H. A. Eure, Eureka church; Mrs. R. E. Miller, Ariel club; Mr. W. C. Story, Gatesville Ruritans. Mrs. W. L. Riddick, Hobbsville Baptist church; Mrs. J. H. Bunch and Mrs. Ruth Spivey, Selwyn community; and Hobbsville club; Mrs. Walter Harrell, Gatesville club and Mrs. L. C. Powell, Reynoldson church.

Captain Cowper Is Awarded Oak Leaf Cluster

With the 13th AAF in the South Pacific.—By direction of the President the Oak Leaf Cluster in lieu of an additional Air Medal was awarded by Lieutenant General Millard F. Harmon, commanding United States Army Forces in the South Pacific Area, on April 3, to Captain William R. Cowper, Jr., of Gatesville as flight leader from December 4, 1943, to January 21, 1944.

Captain Cowper is the son of Mr. and Mrs. W. R. Cowper of Gatesville.

Mrs. G. C. Worrell Heads HD Council

Fifty club women attended the annual Spring Council meeting in the Agricultural Building, Gatesville, on Friday afternoon, April 21, at 3 o'clock.

New county council officers elected were: president, Mrs. G. C. Worrell, Middle Swamp club; vice-president, Mrs. L. C. Powell, Ariel; secretary, Mrs. H. A. Eure, Corapeake and Treasurer, Mrs. G. N. Lilley, Gatesville.

These officers will be installed at the Spring Federation meeting which will be held in the Gatesville school in May. They will serve for two years.

Mrs. C. H. Carter, of the Carter club, served as chairman of the nominating committee assisted by Mrs. Walter Harrell, Gatesville and Mrs. J. H. Bunch, Hobbsville. A demonstration on, "How to Clean and Care for a Pressure Canner", was given the home agent. Canners brought in to the clinic were returned to owners.

Nine R-C Boys Enter Navy

Nine boys from the Roanoke-Chowan section have volunteered and have been accepted for service in the United States in last several days.

J. W. Brown, Navy recruiter from the Elizabeth City Navy station, announced this week that he had been detached from the station and would not serve this section in the future as a recruiter. Brown's new station was not revealed and neither was his successor named.

Boys from this area who volunteered last week were: Jackson Askew Sharp, and Thomas Wade Britt, both of Harrellsville; Morton L. Raynor of Colerain; Spurgeon Lewis Davidson, Jr., and Arthur Dempsey, Jr., both of Aulander; Joe Prelow Majette of Murfreesboro; and Lorenzo Hofler and Alvin David Ballard, both Negroes, both of Gates county.

Politics

Delegates named to the county Democratic convention will meet in Gatesville at the court house Saturday afternoon at 2:30, it was announced Monday.

A meeting of the county executive committee will be held following the county convention.

Is Member of Unit Cited for Courage



Cpl. Clayton Horton, son of Mr. and Mrs. Willie Horton of Eure, is a member of a medical battalion which has received a citation for "great perseverance and courage."

The citation said:

"During an extended period of continued and intensive combat activity, Company C successfully treated and evacuated many casualties. Operating as far forward as possible and subjected to severe bombings and enemy artillery and small-arms fire, the men of Company C displayed great perseverance and courage. Under the most hazardous and adverse conditions, litter bearers performed their duties with speed and efficiency, often manually evacuating wounded soldiers across several miles of rugged terrain under heavy fire."

TO GRADUATE FROM BAPTIST SEMINARY

John Rountree Blanchard, son of Mr. and Mrs. John C. Blanchard of Gatesville, will be in the class of 120 men graduating from the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary in Louisville, Ky., on Friday, May 5.

Two Elizabeth City Men Seek Senatorial Posts In District



W. T. Culpepper, above, of Elizabeth City is a candidate for the Democratic nomination for senator from the First North Carolina senatorial district in the May 27 primary. A picture of Jerry J. Hughes, also of Elizabeth City and a candidate for senator in the North Carolina Legislature, is not available. Pictures of Charles H. Jenkins and J. B. Fearing, also candidates, appeared last week.

Hubert Eason Is Democratic Choice For Solicitor

By calling of Harry McMullan, county general of North Carolina, Tom Costen, who filed for solicitor of Gates county, has been declared ineligible to appear on the county ticket in the May 27 Democratic primary, it was learned Monday in Gatesville.

Costen, it was learned, gave a "rubber" check in payment of a \$6 filing fee when he filed for the office with J. A. Eason, chairman of the board of elections. Asked for a ruling on whether Costen had actually entered the race by giving a bad check, McMullan replied that his entrance in the race was not official because Costen did not pay his filing fee before the time expired for filing.

Hubert Eason, therefore, since he is the only other man who filed for the position, becomes the Democratic nominee.

Index Brings Good Cheer to Sailor

With a notice of change address from W. C. Draper, USN, Gates county boy, comes this comment, "Thanks for some grand news from home in the Index. It is really good to me here, as I have not been home, or in the USA, since October 1942". Draper gets his mail through the Fleet Post Office, San Francisco.

AT CAMP PEARY

Frank Elliott Pierce of Sunbury and Greenville, who was recently inducted into the armed services, is undergoing training at Camp Peary, Williamsburg, Va.



Governor Broughton

the invocation.

The welcome will be spoken by Mrs. E. W. Hutchins, president of the Currituck home demonstration clubs. Mrs. P. P. Gregory of Shawboro, corresponding secretary of the State Federation of Home Demonstration

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