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Pages This Week

Most of Corn, Cotton In Ground; Farmers Planting Peanuts

With most of the corn and cotton planted in the county, Gates county farmers are now beginning to plant their peanut crops, John Artz, farm agent, said this week.

Farming operations in all sections of the county are daily becoming more concentrated with the result that the farmers are beginning to work longer and longer hours.

While labor disturbances hinder production in some factories engaged in war production, farmers in this section are going about their work determined to meet the production goals established for them. The goals this year will be met with less labor, increased costs of production and more work for the individual farmer.

With only 350 acres of tobacco allotted the county, Artz estimated that all of it had been planted and that most of the tobacco farmers took advantage of the 20 percent increase allowed them under the tobacco marketing provisions. C. E. Lang of Gatesville has been the only person to report finding blue mold in his tobacco beds. Artz said that possibly there had been others who had found blue mold in their beds, but that it had not been reported to them.

Farm Unit Hits Tolerance In Weed Rules

The Gates county farm bureau unit of which W. L. Askew of Eure is president and S. P. Cross of Gatesville is secretary-treasurer is joining the other farm bureau units in North Carolina in opposing the "tolerance" in the 1944 tobacco marketing regulations.

A release from the Farm Bureau states the following:

Opposition by the North Carolina, Virginia, and South Carolina Farm Bureaus to the tobacco tolerance amendment brought an announcement from Congressman Harold D. Cooley that he would seek to have the Amendment dropped.

Nine members of the Tobacco

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Fifth Bond Drive Starts June 12

War bond chairman in the Roanoke-Chowan section are beginning to think about the approaching Fifth War Loan Drive which officially gets underway June 12 and ends on July 8.

Chris Hadaway of Greensboro, vice chairman of the North Carolina War Finance committee in charge of promotion of the war bond drives, this week sent a clip sheet to this newspaper asking that it request copies of ads which it would submit to local merchants for sponsorship during the fifth war loan campaign.

A number of ads, approved by the Treasury department, have been ordered by the advertising department of this newspaper.

Eure Man Wins Silver Star



The War Department has announced the award of the Silver Star for gallantry in action to: **FIRST SGT. EUGENE J. HARRELL** of Eure at Gela, Sicily, last July 12. Sgt. Harrell risked his life to rescue an injured comrade from a vehicle loaded with highly explosive ammunition which had caught fire.

Sgt. Harrell is the son of Mr. and Mrs. J. V. Harrell of Eure.

First District Nominates Four For Convention

At the State Democratic Convention on May 4 the First Congressional District followed the advice of the Democratic National Headquarters which requested that each of North Carolina's twelve districts elect only two delegates and two alternates to attend the National Democratic Convention to be held in Chicago, beginning July 19.

To give representation to the whole 14 counties of the First District two delegates were elected from the North side of Albemarle Sound, and two from the south side of the sound. Ethel Parker of Gates, delegate, and T. S. Meekins of Dare, alternate, were elected from the north side of the sound. Noah Williams of Pitt delegate, and Congressman Herbert C. Bonner alternate, Beaufort county, were elected from the south side of the sound.

These four representatives of the First District will go to Chicago with the North Carolina delegation.

Gates County WMU Meets On Thursday

The Gates county Woman's Missionary Society will meet Thursday, May 18, at the Eureka Baptist church.

Mrs. W. Henry Overman, Mrs. Otha Riddick, Mrs. E. A. Kelley, Mrs. J. R. Freeman and Mrs. W. L. Riddick are scheduled on the morning program. Reports will be given by Mrs. Eldon Eure, stewardship; Mrs. T. B. Rountree, community missions; and Mrs. T. W. Lawrence, mission study.

An address by Mrs. Jesse

Crump Quits Race For Representative, Rountree, Eure Left

W. O. Crump of Sunbury Tuesday morning announced his withdrawal from the race for Gates county's seat in the next State Legislature.

Announcing his withdrawal almost on the eve of the primary, Crump said he was coming out of the race because he believed that in the time which we are now living that man should do with all his strength the thing that he is best fitted by experience and training, "especially if he may be of any service in the war effort."

Left in the race for Gates county's seat in the General Assembly now are Q. R. Eure of Eure and W. J. Rountree of Hobbsville, incumbent.

Strong Vote Seen

Although a heavy registration was not reported in Gates county precincts, a larger than average vote is being predicted Saturday, May 27, in the Democratic primary.

Several sources this week estimated that the vote would approximate 1,600 with a three-way county representative race highlighting four contests in the county.

Heaviest vote is being predicted for Holly Grove township where R. H. Eason and Norfleet White are contesting for the position of constable and J. E. Gregory and George P. Kittrell for commissioner from the Sunbury school district.

Rumors Heard

Already, rumors about this and that candidate, and about clique in different sections of the county are being heard in Gatesville.

The county representative race took on new vigor this week when W. J. Rountree publicly announced that he was not thinking of retiring from the race because of a recent illness. Other candidates in the race are W. O. Crump of Sunbury, and Q. R. Eure of Eure.

The fourth race in the county is between A. H. Russell and Willis L. Lawrence for commissioner from the Reynoldson school district.

No Opposition

Four township constables, three members of the county board of commissioners and the register of deeds face no opposition. They are: constables—Hall Township, Lycurgus Tinkham; Reynoldson, C. V. Cross; Hunter's Mill, W. C. Carter; Mintonsville, I. H. Riddick; register of deeds—Tazewell Eure; and commissioners—C. H. Carter, Gatesville school district; Robert L. Brown, Hobbsville school district; and W. L. Askew, Eure school district.

Poppy Day

Gates county will observe Poppy Day, Saturday, May 27, it was announced this week.

Mrs. L. C. Hand, Sr., is county chairman. Poppies will be sold in all sections of the county during the day.

Ration Board Office Moved To Old Store

Office of the Gates county war price and rationing board has been moved from the P. L. Hofler home to the store building next to the Edwards Hotel.

The move was made in order to give the employees more room in which to work and more space for the storage of materials and records. By the move of location, the public is afforded more room for transacting their business with the ration board.

New phone number is 566 and new office hours are 9 a. m. until 3 p. m. After the doors to the board close to the general public at 3 p. m., the employees will use the remainder of the afternoon for making reports and filing papers.

4,900 Pounds Of Waste Paper Is Collected

A total of 4,900 pounds of waste magazines, papers and books were collected from five schools last Tuesday by Lycurgus Howell's truck. The amount from each school was necessarily estimated. The largest pile came from Gatesville where the Home Economics class, under Miss Frances Newsome, had collected 3,100 pounds; Sunbury came next with 1,000; Gates had 400; Hobbsville 300; and Eure 100 pounds. Each school will receive a check from the Salvage Committee for its proportionate part.

The two shipments of waste paper since January totaled 9,900 pounds, for which the committee desire to thank the school officials, children and parents for their contribution and patriotic efforts.