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Beer Selling For More Than 17c Is Over the Ceiling

Since July 10, all beer dealers in Gates county have been in sup "3-B", according to Mrs. Aris Hand, Gates county price clerk. This means that any beer dealer selling any bottled beer for more than 17 cents per bottle (12-ounce bottle) is violating ceiling.

Non-premium beers should be selling in Gates county's 11 beer outlets, mostly service stations, for not more than 12 cents per 12-ounce bottle. The more popular non-premium beers sold here are Ruppert and Gold Label.

The more popular premium beers are Budweiser, Miller's High Life, Blue Ribbon, Schlitz, Blatz Pilsner, and Ballentine and Kreuger's ales. These should be selling at not more than 17 cents per bottle.

In spite of the fact that a number of beer retailers have already complained that they can not handle suds at present ceilings, Mrs. Hand says the ceilings will be enforced. All dealers have been notified concerning the price group they are in and should have their group "3-B" posters in conspicuous places.

Gates county's 11 outlets are distributed as follows: three in Gatesville, four in Sunbury, one each in Eure and Gates and two in Hobbsville. Seven are owned by white operators and four by colored men.

Gates county is in Zone 9 of the Raleigh price district.

Podging Venereal Treatment Brings Trouble to Three

Walter Hobbs, 24 years of age, Estella Hoffer, 32, and Ida Benjamin, 27, negroes of Hobbsville, were convicted in magistrate's court July 11, on a charge of failing to take venereal disease treatments as required by law.

Walter Hobbs was sentenced to thirty days in jail, suspended upon payment of fine and costs totaling \$20.85, and upon the condition that he take treatments regularly.

Estella Hoffer and Ida Benjamin were given suspended sentences upon paying the cost, totaling \$6.00 each, and upon the condition that they take treatments regularly.

"These cases should serve as a warning to all V-D patients and impress upon them the importance of taking their treatments weekly," William H. Powell, V-D control officer for Gates county, said.

Sunbury Teacher Attends Meeting

I. S. Cooper, colored, of Sunbury, principal of Gates Training School, is one of the participants in the Conference on Problems of School Administration which is being held at Teachers College, Columbia University, from July 3 to 21.

This conference is attended by educational administrators from all parts of the country. Besides general sessions, the conference breaks up each day into a series of small working groups which deal with current educational problems and projects plans for anticipated post-war problems.

'Joe Foss' of Navy



Carrier pilots fly less than land based pilots and do more support strafing for planes, they very seldom run up high plane scores, yet Lieut. (j.g.) Alexander Vracius of East Chicago, Ind., has 19 Jap planes to his credit, 7 more than any other navy pilot.

Misses Billfold Containing Pass; Friend Finds It

The details of an almost unbelievable coincidence are contained in a recent letter from Seaman 2/c R. S. "Pete" Baines, stationed at Banana River, Fla., to his mother, Mrs. John Baines of Gatesville.

Pete lost his bill-folder, containing money and other valuables including his all-important pass-card, soon after returning to Florida following a visit three weeks ago with his parents in Gatesville.

Punishment as well as embarrassment is provided for enlisted men who can not present their furlough credentials when called for, so Pete presented himself to the nearest shore patrol headquarters explaining his predicament.

Just as the shore patrolman asked his name, one of Pete's best friends on the station walked into patrol headquarters . . . with Pete's billfold and its contents. His letter did not say where the friend found the missing wallet.

Financial Status of Gates Is Reviewed For Index Readers

Every 12 months—soon after the county ends its fiscal year—Tazewell D. Eure, Gates county register of deeds and county accountant, prepares a "statement of financial information and expenses of Gates county as of June 30th." It appears in this issue of the Gates County Index.

The statement contains information and figures of lively interest to every tax-payer in the county. It shows, for instance, that Gates county has cash on hand in all banks of the county totaling \$35,811.76. Only items with claims on this cash balance are current bills between June 30 and October 1 when the tax year ends. It is safe to say that on that date Gates county will have an accumulated surplus of between

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Marvis Jones Wins Bronze Star Award For Heroic Action

For heroic achievement in action in Italy, Staff Sergeant Marvis G. Jones, son of Mrs. Amanda Jones and the late Gatling Jones of Drum Hill, has been awarded the Bronze Star medal, according to information received by his wife, the former Louise Blanchard of Gatesville.

The Army's announcement, saying the award was made on June 29th in Italy, follows: "For heroic achievement in action on the 15th of May, 1944, in Italy. Staff Sergeant Jones, leading his squad in an attack upon well-emplaced enemy forces, displayed outstanding leadership in directing the assault on hostile positions. His aggressive action in closing with the enemy resulted in the reduction of many enemy strong points and in the capture of large numbers of prisoners."

Sgt. Jones entered the military service from Gatesville on May 4, 1942, and is serving with an infantry regiment.

Visits Brother in Italy

A letter from Sgt. Jones to his wife reveals that he visited his brother, Pvt. Bradford Jones, upon learning that he also was in Italy. Securing a three-day pass, Sgt. Jones went to see him and stated "it was a wonderful feeling to meet one's own brother so far from home."

Detweilers Move To Scotland Neck

Dr. and Mrs. J. W. Detweiler are moving from Gatesville to Scotland Neck. The change, Dr. Detweiler, veterinarian, said, is necessary because of the loss of personnel in the State veterinary department and the resulting added duties on each member of the department.

Dr. Detweiler will have the veterinary supervision of two stockyards in Rocky Mount, the one in Rich Square and the one in Elizabeth City. He will continue to contact the farmers of Gates county in hog cholera control work.

Largest Melon Contest Opens

Renewing the practice begun about the first summer the Gates County Index appeared, again this year your home newspaper will give free subscriptions for the three largest watermelons brought to the Index office during the watermelon season.

The largest melon will bring a three-year subscription; the second largest a two-year subscription and the third a one-year subscription. All melons entered in the contest will be on display in the Index office.

G. H. Williams of Corapeake, won first prize last year with a 53-pound melon.

Stimson in Italy



U. S. Secretary of War Henry L. Stimson reviews an American honor guard after his arrival at the airport in Naples, Italy. He made a tour of American bases in the Italian theater before returning to Washington.

Gates Sergeant Was Among First Boys in France

Staff Sgt. Woodrow W. Jones, son of Claude B. Jones and Mrs. Frances M. Jones of Gates, was among the first to land in France on D-Day. Sergeant Jones led his company, one of the famous 29th Division.

Jones is now hospitalized in England but hopes to rejoin his company soon.

Another son of Mr. and Mrs. Jones, Pfc. Daniel C. Jones, is serving with the 331st Infantry in England.

Green Returns To States After 18 Months in Pacific

Back in the States after 18 months in the South Pacific, Fl-wood Green, U. S. Navy, of Gatesville, is visiting his mother, Mrs. Minnie Green, while on leave.

Green entered the service February 13, 1942; received his boot training at Norfolk and saw action at Guadalcanal and Munda Air Base.

Leaving Gatesville he will go to Florida to the submarine chaser training center at Miami.

Final Rites Held For Jesse Barnes

Funeral services for William Jesse Barnes, 90, who was the oldest man in Gates county until his death Thursday, were held Saturday at Parker's Methodist Church, Corapeake, by the Rev. T. J. Whitehead assisted by the Rev. R. E. Brittle.

Mrs. Hallett Rountree and Mrs. Lewis Mathias of Corapeake, sang "Safe in the Arms of Jesus."

Pallbearers were Archie Barnes Taylor, Marvin Barnes, Leon Knight, Straight Boyce, Herbert Mathias, Roland Barnes and John Barnes, Jr. Other friends of the family served as honorary pallbearers. Burial was in the church cemetery.

Breaking Black Market Subject Of Sunbury Meet

"We can't all go out hunting racketeers, but we can do four things that make it very difficult for them to operate," R. W. Long, of Elizabeth City, employee of the Standard Oil Company of New Jersey, told members of the Sunbury Ruritan club at their meeting last week.

Mr. Long's subject was in connection with stamping out gasoline "black markets," and stressed the following four steps as the part the average motorists can play in breaking the black market:

"1. Write your car license number and state on all of your coupons now. Then endorse new ones as you get them from your local board. By showing your colors, you make it easier for government investigators to trace the black marketeers."

"2. Don't buy gasoline without coupons. When you do, you are robbing other car-owners of part of their share of the limited supply. You're interfering with the war effort. You're nourishing a vicious racket. When you ask your dealer to sell you gasoline without coupons, he must get them from somewhere in order to replenish his stock of gasoline. In 99 cases out of 100 he must buy counterfeit or stolen coupons from criminal gangs."

"3. Don't buy gasoline coupons and don't take them as gifts. Even if you get them from a close friend, remember this

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15 Cases Tried By Judge Godwin

Fifteen cases were tried by Judge A. P. Godwin in Recorder's Court in Gatesville last week. They were:

Charlie Walton, colored, Gatesville, improper brakes, \$5 and costs; Jesse Nowell, colored, Gatesville, improper brakes, \$5 and costs; Charlie Hughson, white, Ahoskie, speeding, \$10 and costs; Mrs. Mozelle Ward, white, Newport News, traffic law violation, \$5 and costs; I. S. Ward, Newport News, white, traffic law violations, \$10 and costs; John L. Lane, colored, no license, \$10 and costs; Milton Hobbs, colored, Corapeake, traffic law violation, \$10 and costs.

Thomas Hicks, colored, Gatesville, speeding, \$5 and costs; George Griffin, colored, Elizabeth City, speeding, \$5 and costs; Darrell Rabey, white, Gatesville, speeding, \$5 and costs; J. L. Hall, colored, Gatesville, traffic law violation, \$10 and costs; Henry Riddick, colored, Roduco, no license, \$10 and costs; Edd Walton, Jr., colored, Gatesville, assault, \$65 and costs; Sullivan Hayes, colored, Roduco, illegal possession and disorderly conduct, \$20 and costs; and James Eason, colored, Corapeake, disorderly conduct, \$10 and costs.