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## Sport of Kings Draws Hundreds To Roduco Track

A total of approximately 1,800 persons flocked to the newly established Gates County Racing Club track Saturday and Sunday for races that featured horses from Virginia and eastern Carolina and apparently pleased the crowd that came from Gates, Hertford, Perquimans, Chowan and Pasquotank counties as well as race-minded Virginia areas.

Situated on the right of the highway between Roduco and Gatesville, the track was said to have been in excellent condition following rains of Thursday and Friday.

Horses owned by W. P. Davis of Saluda, Va., J. H. Towe of Hertford, and E. N. Miller of Hertford, won the first day's contests, while Sunday winners were owned by Hollis Lilley and Garland Felton of the Gates County Racing Club, Edgar Hunt of Port Haywood, Va., and B. B. Brown of Grafton, Va.

### Saturday Races

Fastest mile in the 2:25 trot was made in 2.9 1/4 minutes by "Wonder", belonging to W. P. Davis and driven by Edgar Hunt, the winner. Fastest time in the 2:17 pace, 2.6 3/4, was by the winner, "Abbe Direct", owned by J. H. Towe and driven by Elbert White of Hertford. Fastest time in the free-for-all pace was established by the winner, "Sylvia Hanover", owned by E. N. Miller and driven by Mr.

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## L. Langston To Head Gates Hunt Club This Year

Gates. — Gates Community Hunt Club held its sixth annual meeting at the club house Friday for the purpose of electing officers for the ensuing year, the collection of dues and attending to any other business pertaining to the club.

Officers elected were H. L. Langston, Gates, president; H. F. Parker, Eure, vice president; G. D. Gatling, Gates, secretary-treasurer.

New executive committee members are R. E. Miller, Gates; W. H. Powell, Eure; L. C. Harrell, Eure; Willard Turner, Eure; H. N. Felton, Eure; Lycurgus Tinkham, Eure.

At the conclusion of business a fish fry was served by a committee composed of Willard Turner, Timothy Felton and Woodie Eure.

About fifty men enjoyed the feast of good fresh water fish, and other things that go with a well-rounded fish dinner.

## Revival Services This Week and Next

Revival services are being held this week at Harrell's Methodist Church and will be held next week at Zion Methodist Church.

Services are being held each night at 8 o'clock at Harrell's. The Reverend T. J. Whitehead is preaching.

The Rev. J. D. Cranford of Winfall, will be the visiting minister at Zion where services will be held each evening at 8 o'clock beginning Monday night. The public is cordially invited to attend, the Rev. J. M. Jollif said.

## Inventor



Technical Sergeant Edward Cholewinski of Carnegie, Pa., left above, with the other soldier pictured, designed and built the above shower bath at a Ninth Air Force advanced fighter group base in France. The nude little French lad had the honor of christening it. Mrs. Cholewinski was formerly Miss Edith Lilley, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. C. L. Lilley of Roduco, with whom she is living while her sergeant husband is overseas.

## Mrs. Sawyer, 86, Buried Monday At Cool Spring

Eure. — Funeral services for Mrs. Mary Perry Sawyer, age 86, who died at the home of her daughter, Mrs. M. C. Hofler, Norfolk, Va., early Sunday morning after a lingering illness, were conducted Monday afternoon at Cool Spring Baptist church, near Eure. The Rev. J. E. Lanier was in charge of the service, assisted by the Rev. T. Sloane Guy, Sr., of the Eure Baptist church. Burial was in the church cemetery.

Mrs. Sawyer was the wife of the late John G. Sawyer and a native of Gates. She is survived by four sons, C. E. Sawyer of Eure, R. H. Sawyer of Hobgood, T. P. Sawyer of Newport News, and E. O. Sawyer of Gates; three daughters, Mrs. Nonnie S. Myers of Henderson, Mrs. J. T. Umphlett of Eure, and Mrs. M. C. Hofler of Norfolk. She is also survived by 26 grandchildren and 22 great grandchildren.

The body was removed to the Rountree and Hofler funeral home, Gatesville where it remained until taken to the church for the service.

Pallbearers were her grandsons and honorary pallbearers were friends of the family.

## Sunbury Ruritans Hear Principal George, Captain Long and Sgt. Hill

Sunbury. — At the meeting of the Sunbury Ruritan Club which was held Tuesday night in the High School Library, J. W. George, newly elected principal of the school, spoke of the aims and purposes of the N. C. school system, the courses offered and the requirements.

Principal George also asked the cooperation of the parents during the year and in closing said: "I come with a definite purpose, to serve. I know that your children are your very thoughts, therefore I plead that you cooperate with me in helping to give them the advantages that they deserve. We must work together in these attempts or all

## \$51,843 Available In Soil Program

For the year 1944 the sum of \$51,843.43 is made available by the Washington Triple A office for Gates county farm operators, according to an announcement from John Artz, county agent. For each farm in the county there is set up an amount which may be earned by the operator in accepting certain materials instead of money. Full particulars are set out on another page of today's Index.

## 12 More Students Than Last Year; Teacher Resigns

A last-minute resignation in the faculty of the Hobbsville school was all that marred an opening day in Gates county that saw white registrations totalling 12 more than on opening day a year ago.

Miss Jennie Pickett of Tennessee, who had been secured to teach home economics in the Hobbsville school, resigned last Friday to marry.

Compared with 949 students on opening day a year ago, 961 registered Monday in the different schools as follows, according to W. Henry Overman, county superintendent:

At Gatesville 203 compared with 201 last year; Eure 106 compared with 115 last year; Gates 131 compared with 128 last year; Sunbury 297 compared with 287 last year; and Hobbsville 224 compared with 218 last year.

Figures for the colored schools in Gates county were not available at press time.

## Three Corapeake Brothers in The Armed Services

Corapeake. — Three sons of Mr. and Mrs. R. P. White of Corapeake, are serving in the armed forces of the United States.

They are Sgt. Marvin White, who has 13 months service in the South Pacific to his credit and wears three small stars with his campaign ribbons, who is now with the AAF at Avon Park, Fla. Pvt. Forrest White is serving with a U. S. Army Harbor Craft unit and is stationed at Gordon Johnston, Fla., while Gerald White who enlisted in the Navy August 15 is taking his boot training at Bainbridge, Md.

our efforts will be futile. I am here to give the people of Sunbury my very best and expect the same of them."

Graham Byrum, president of the Ruritans, responded and assured him of loyalty from the civic organizations. Invocation was given by J. E. Corbitt and Joe Byrum conducted a song service.

Captain Paul Long, who has returned to the states, after two years in Europe and Asia, and Sergeant James Willard Hill, recently returned from the South Pacific, gave short talks of their experiences, urging all citizens to back the country and work to bring the war to an end.

## One-Third of School Children Are Ill-Fed

### Killed in Action



Sgt. Luther A. Eure, son of Mr. and Mrs. T. N. Eure of Eure, who was killed in action in France on August 16, according to information received by his parents from the War Department.

He was inducted into the Army in February, 1941.

Besides his parents, Sgt. Eure is survived by three brothers, Pfc. Clyde L. Eure and Cpl. Woodie N. Eure, both overseas, and N. T. Eure of Eure; and one sister, Mrs. Howard Yelton of Portsmouth.

## Executive Group To Name Nominee In Carter's Stead

Members of the county Democratic executive committee will meet in the office of the register of deeds in Gatesville at 2 p. m. on October 2 for the purpose of designating someone whose name will appear on the election ballot in November as the Democratic party's nominee for constable of Hunter's Mill township, according to an announcement from Martin Kellogg of Sunbury, chairman of the committee.

The committee's action hinges, of course, on whether the Gates County Board of Commissioners accepts the resignation tendered last week by W. B. Carter of Sunbury, present constable and tax collector of Hunter's Mill Township, and Democratic nominee whose name now appears on the ballot. The board of commissioners will meet that morning and act on Mr. Carter's resignation in regular session.

Members of the executive committee are C. C. Savage of Corapeake, F. H. Rountree of Sunbury, W. J. Rountree of Hobbsville, Shirley Baines of Gatesville, Dr. T. L. Carter of Gatesville, W. L. Askew of Eure, and R. E. Miller of Gates. Miss Ethel Parker is vice chairman, and S. P. Cross is secretary of the committee.

### REVIVAL SERVICES

Revival services will begin at Middle Swamp Baptist Church on Sunday afternoon, September 24 and continue through September 29. Rev. Ira Harrell of Fountain, formerly of Sunbury, will assist the pastor, Rev. T. Sloane Guy.

By Mrs. Elizabeth H. Crouse  
Public Health Nurse

Facts and figures are not misleading! In checking through our records in the health department on school children's physical examinations made in the past two years, we have been able to check only 1,037 of these before press time. So we will give you something to think about along the lines of better nutrition for the growing child when you realize that of 1,037 children examined, 385 were under-nourished. These figures represent a little more than 30 percent.

We also realize that one of the reasons for defective teeth can be traced to improper food. Statistics on the same number of children showed 235 in urgent need of dental work, a fraction over 20 percent.

Malnutrition can and does affect a child's eyes. Figures on the number of children with defective vision of those same records checked were not so

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## Hurricane Brings Cotton, Corn Crop Damage to County

Gates county on the outer fringes of the hurricane that stabbed at the Atlantic seaboard last Thursday suffered crop damage from high winds that were estimated east of Sunbury at 50 miles per hour at times. Electric current was disrupted in Gatesville for a few hours.

Loose branches were blown from trees, the skies were overcast, and this side of the Dismal Swamp, cornfields and cotton suffered and some young pines were twisted and splintered, but in western Gates county damage to crops and dwellings was negligible according to available reports.

Only 37 miles from Gatesville, around Elizabeth City, where gusts reached a velocity of 90 to 100 miles an hour, damage was considerable to crops, trees, orchards, dwellings and telephone and telegraph communications. The streets were still listered Sunday with evidence of Thursday morning's storm.

## No V-Day Programs Yet Set for County

At press time, no arrangements had been made known to the Index concerning observance of V-Day, the day Germany surrenders.

In many surrounding counties, it has been announced that churches will open their doors at a specified hour when news of the German surrender comes, and conduct special services similar to the observances held on D-Day.

A number of people, anticipating Germany's surrender in the near future, have asked the Index if arrangements were being made for Victory Day celebrations. The program will be announced immediately if and when it is arranged.