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THEY DIED FOR AMERICA—Munda Cemetery, on New Georgia Island, the resting place of hundreds of American fighting men—possibly even of some one you knew. That these men shall not have died in vain, buy an extra \$ 00 War Bond today.

Gates Tops 6th War Loan Goal

The Sixth War Loan drive officially ended Saturday, and on Monday Robin Hood, chairman of the Gates County War Finance Committee, announced that Gates county had gone over the top, both in sales of Series "E" Bonds and the other bonds.

Against its quota of \$127,000, the sales reported Monday to the Federal Reserve amounted to \$128,086.25, Hood said in offering his deep thanks to those who helped in making the drive a success.

Series "E" Bonds sold amounted \$77,433.75; the quota was \$76,000. Hood reminded that all bonds bought before December 29 will count against the Sixth War Loan quota.

A surge of buying late in the campaign boosted Gates over the top. Chesapeake Camp Corporation of Franklin, Va., which owns a considerable amount of property in Gates county, recently sent Hood a check for \$25,000 with instructions to invest it in Bonds and assign the credit to Gates county. The check was in compliance with a request made by Hood on behalf of the home demonstration clubs of the county which sponsored the drive. Each participating club was given a per-member share of the Chesapeake purchase to enter in the inter-club contest whose results have not yet been announced.

Credits Given

The different clubs may enter the following amounts as their pro-rate credits in the Chesapeake Camp purchase: Aerial, \$1426.16; Carter's, \$961.44; Chesapeake, \$1802.20; Eure, \$2043.06; Gates, \$2163.24; Roduco, \$1081.62; Sandy Cross, \$961.44; Trotville, \$2163.24; Zion, \$1925.44.

Mrs. C. H. Carter, War Bond chairman for the Home Demonstration Clubs, as well as Mr. Hood, was profuse in her

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Mills Lawrence Home Burned

The old Mills Lawrence homestead, unoccupied at the time, was destroyed by fire Saturday afternoon. Owned by Douglas Freeman of Gates, the two-story frame dwelling was one of the oldest homes in the county.

Cause of the fire is more or less a mystery, since the latest tenant had recently moved away and no one was living in the house. A number of prominent Gates county people had lived at the old homestead in the past.

Open House On 60th Anniversary Of Wedding Day

Mr. and Mrs. J. N. Carter of Gatesville will celebrate their sixtieth wedding anniversary with open house on Christmas Eve, Sunday, December 24, from 3 until 6 o'clock.

Their relatives and friends are all invited to call between those hours, but are asked to omit bringing gifts.

Both natives and life-long residents of Gates county, Mr. and Mrs. Carter are 84 and 78 years of age respectively.

Sunbury Airman In Raid on Tokyo

Ralph E. Phelps of Sunbury was a member of the crew of a B-29 which bombed Tokyo over the weekend, according to an Associated Press dispatch from the 21st Bomber Command on Saipan Island in the Pacific.

The Superfort, the dispatch reported, went in about 5,000 feet lower than normal and set off large fires. Caught in searchlight beams for four minutes, the Superfort received a small hole in one wing tip from flak.

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The office of the Gates County will be closed from Wednesday afternoon through Tuesday, January 2, in observance of the Christmas holidays.



IN FRANCE. — Cpl. Edison Hobbs, son of Mr. and Mrs. G. A. Hobbs of Hobbsville is now in Southern France, according to his parents. Cpl. Hobbs finished his training at Camp Chafee, Ark.

Groups Recently Inducted by Board

White selectees from Gates county, who have recently been inducted into the armed forces, are as follows:

Mallie Robert Jernigan, Alfred Franklin Stallings, Jr., James Dalton Taylor, Guy Letcher Moore, Joseph Clinton Casper.

Colored selectees recently inducted, are Elton Hall, Leroy Hurdle, William Curtis Hayes, Curtis Lee Walton, Charlie Shelton Lassiter, James Luther Riddick, Hardy Cross, Willie Blanchard, Jr., Melton Cleophus Harrell, Aaron Pernell Wiggins, Rolista Langston, Walter Randolph Boone, William Edward Hinton, Donald Scott Riddick, Peter Madison Eley, James Rufus Smith, Ernest Ruffin.

Has Operation

Robert Morris, young son of Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Morris of Eason Cross Roads, underwent an operation for appendicitis in Norfolk General Hospital last Tuesday. He is recuperating satisfactorily, according to latest reports.

Farmers Hear Mr. Cone on District Soil Advantages

Five educational meetings, with an attendance of about 75 farmers, were held last week by A. A. Cone, assistant state conservationist, and the county agent, at which organization proceeding was explained and what benefits would be for the landowners if Gates county becomes a part of the Roanoke-Chowan Soil Conservation District which includes Hertford, Bertie and Northampton counties.

Mr. Cone explained clearly the benefits and services made available to farmers, without cost, including technical assistance, making drainage surveys for both tile and open ditches, crop rotation, soil improvement, soil testing, woodland management practices including reforestation, thinning and harvesting timber and forest fire control. Tree and kudzu seedlings, if available, may be granted to the farmers in the Roanoke - Chowan district, including mechanical equipment for doing soil conservation work.

Landowners Vote on Project

Ballots, along with an explanatory letter will be mailed out the week of January 15 to each landowner who may mark his ballot, sign and drop it back in the mail or return to the county agent's office.

All landowners are urged to participate in the voting, it being their right through statute to register their preference. A small vote by farmers will very likely cause the State Conservation Committee to deny Gates county becoming a part of the Roanoke-Chowan district.

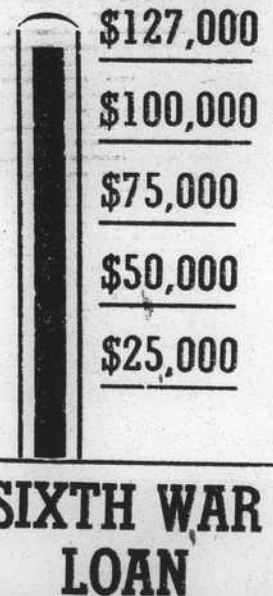
Two Pay Fines

W. T. Satterfield of Newport News paid a five-dollar fine for speeding, and Walter L. Briggs of Gatesville was fined ten dollars and costs of court for driving without a permit and speeding, in two cases before Judge A. E. S. Ellenor in Gates county recorder's court last Tuesday.

MRS. BLAIR HAS OPERATION

Mrs. Charles B. Blair, teacher in the Gatesville High School, underwent an appendectomy at Lakeview Hospital, Suffolk, Monday afternoon.

GATES COUNTY THERMOMETER



Harrell Services Held; Hearse In Winton Collision

Funeral services were held at Cool Spring Baptist Church Sunday afternoon for William Mills Harrell, 75, who died Friday, after an illness of two months. Burial was in the church cemetery.

Plans for the funeral were upset in Winton when the hearse was involved in a collision enroute to Gates from Franklin with an automobile driven by a Colerain man. The hearse and casket as well as the automobile were heavily damaged, and it was necessary to bring another hearse and casket from the funeral home in Franklin before the funeral procession could again get under way.

Mr. Harrell is survived by five daughters, Mrs. L. S. Carter of Gatesville, Mrs. C. P. Sonnerborne of Alexandria, Va., Mrs. Don Younce of Norfolk, Mrs. A. B. Jernigan of Portsmouth, and Mrs. T. J. Parker of Winton; four sons, T. J. Harrell of Suffolk, L. T. Harrell of Gates, D. M. Harrell of Wilson, and G. W. Harrell of Newport News.

Church Program

Children of the Gatesville Methodist Church and children from other churches of Gatesville will present a Christmas program at the Methodist Church Sunday night at 7:30.

At Swannanoa

Pfc. Levi F. Eure of Gates has been admitted to Moore General Hospital at Swannanoa, N. C., for treatment. He served with the Infantry in the central Pacific theatre of operations.

SUNDAY SCHOOL PROGRAM

The Gatesville Baptist Sunday school will give a Christmas program Saturday night at 7:30.



During the Christmas season we earnestly hope that everyone will enjoy the fullest of joy and happiness—that the desire of every heart will be fulfilled. To one and all—A Merry Christmas

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