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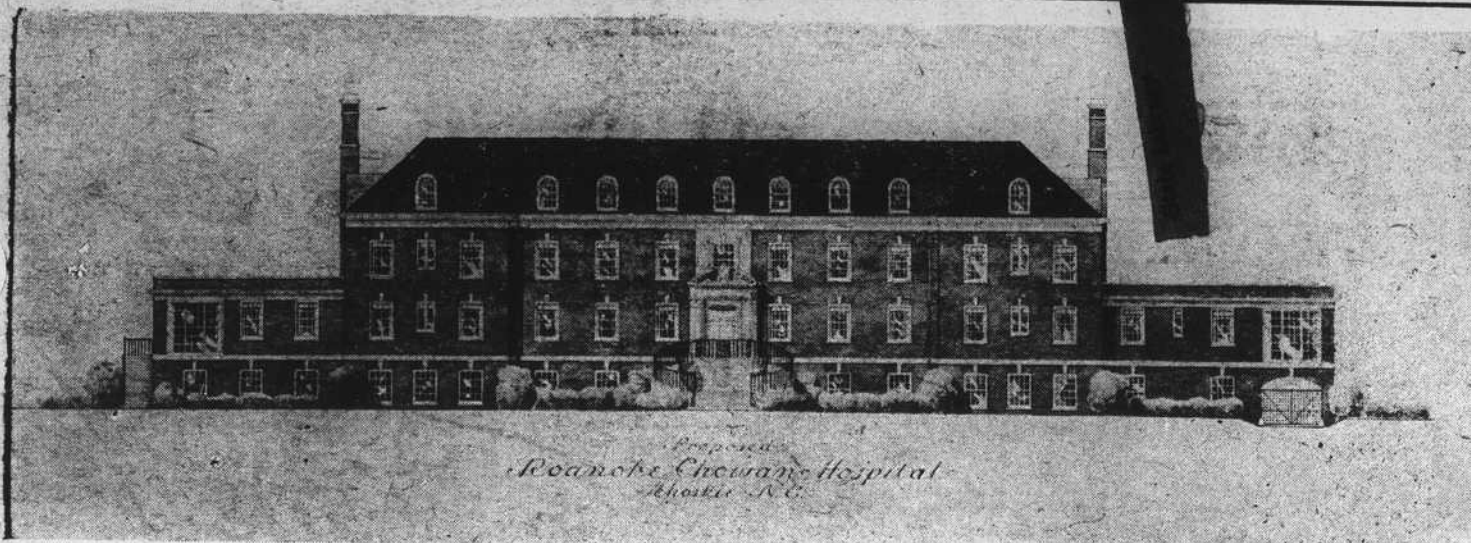
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ROANOKE-CHOWAN HOSPITAL. Ground has been broken on the Ahoskie-Aulander Highway for the projected Roanoke-Chowan Hospital, architect's drawing of which is shown here. Barring unforeseen developments, the building as it appears above will be completed in about a year.

Farmers Signify Wish For Electric Power Service

Twenty neighborhood leaders throughout the county have been working during February contacting prospective users of electric current in the vicinity of R. E. A. lines which is anticipating an extension post war expansion.

The drive for memberships will continue through Saturday, March 10, after which the leaders will be asked to make a final report.

Four leaders out of the twenty have made a partial report on the new members interviewed in their communities. M. C. Tinkham and Mrs. J. W. Blades, Eure, report five each; Mrs. T. E. Jackson, Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Whitehurst, Gates, report ten each, making a total of 20 prospective customers and each leader gave assurance of securing additional sign ups.

Mrs. A. E. Parker, Gates, and T. J. Stallings, Hobbsville, have requested more applications signifying they have used up their original forms.

The two representatives from Gates County on the R. E. A. board of directors at Rich

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Changes In Plan Of Work Hours At Ration Office

A number of changes in hours and procedures of work at the Gates County office of War Price and Rationing has been announced by Norfleet Hoffer, chief clerk.

Beginning Monday, the doors will be open from 9 a. m. until 2 p. m., he said. No rationing certificates will be issued on Thursdays and no assistance will be given in filling out applications on that day.

Thursday is the day following the regular weekly meeting of the Rationing board and the time is needed to prepare for distribution certificates and ra-

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Cpl. Edison Hobbs With Engineers In Difficult Sector

Sixth Army Group, France.—Playing a leading role in the organization of a vast network of defenses in the French Alps along the France-Italian frontier, an Engineer Combat Battalion of the 44th Anti-aircraft Artillery Brigade—part of Lt. Gen. Jacob L. Devers' 6th Army Group—is gaining a reputation as "the doughboys' right hand."

Members of the Engineer Combat Battalion include Cpl. Edison Hobbs of Hobbsville.

Through some of the most difficult fighting terrain in the world—twisting mountain trails, snow-covered ridges, and innumerable points that are "natural" for enemy ambushes—these Combat Engineers have cleared minefields, constructed by-passes, repaired roads and constructed bridges to facilitate troop movements. At the same time, guarding against any possible German counter-attacks, mines are laid, barbed-wire entanglements are stretched along strategic places, and bridges and

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Two More Men Added to List Of War Dead; Now Totals 15

Capt. Brown Sends Home German War Trophies; Married Alabama Girl, Army Nurse, In French Capital

Captain J. W. Brown, Jr., who landed with the Americans in the first invasion of Normandy and was married in Paris early in January of this year, recently sent home some war trophies to his parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Brown of Gatesville.

Now on display in the Index office, the trophies include a camouflaged German helmet, a very heavy German service belt, and a 75 mm shell casing. The collection has attracted considerable attention in the Index office. Cards affixed to each of

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Edward Savage Back; Won Three Awards Overseas

Atlantic City, N. J., T/5 Edward Savage, age 32, of Gatesville, has recently returned from service outside the continental limits of the United States and is now temporarily stationed at the Army Ground and Service Forces Redistribution Station here. While at this installation he will be given a series of tests to determine his fitness for future assignments.

T/5 Savage served 34 months as greaseman in the Atlantic-Pacific theatre of operations. He has the following decorations: Asiatic-Pacific Campaign Ribbon, Presidential Citation, American Defense Medal.

A variety of entertainment and recreational activities has been arranged to entertain the returnee in his leisure hours. This will include dances, stage and radio shows, sightseeing tours, horseback riding, ice skating, table tennis, golf, basketball and bathing, fishing and sailing in season.

Before entering the service Savage was employed by E. T. Pihand, as a timber cutter at Gatesville.

JUNIOR CLASS TO PRESENT PLAY

The Junior Class of Hobbsville high school will present "Here Comes Patricia" in the school auditorium on March 2, at 8:15 o'clock.



IN FRANCE.—Second Lieut. John R. Leary, AUS, 21, son of Mrs. John R. Leary of Norfolk, and the late Mr. Leary, is serving with the 360th Harbor Craft Company of the Army Transport Service in France. Leary, formerly of Hobbsville and Corapeake, was graduated from Hobbsville high school in 1940. A former employee of the Norfolk Shipbuilding and Drydock Corp., he entered the Maritime Service as an apprentice seaman in August, 1943. He was graduated from Officers Cadet School, St. Petersburg, Florida, in March, 1944, as a junior Marine officer, but accepted a commission in the army the following May while stationed at New Orleans, La.

Final Rites For Arthur Parker, 55, Held Friday

Funeral services for Arthur Parker, 55, who died Wednesday morning at his home near Gates, were held Friday afternoon at Reynoldson Baptist Church, the Rev. J. S. Cobb officiating.

Mr. Parker is survived by his wife, Mrs. Elizabeth Nichols Parker; a daughter, Mrs. Edward Rountree of Suffolk; a brother, H. D. Parker of Portsmouth; four sisters, Mrs. C. W. Smith of Portsmouth, Mrs. R. C. Cowper and Mrs. Frank Eure of Gates, and Mrs. W. H. Horton of Whalleyville, Va.

Burial was in the church cemetery.

Music was furnished by a quartet composed of Mrs. T. L. Carter, Mrs. Gattis Gatling, Mrs. C. B. Blair and W. M. Spivey, accompanied by Mrs. T. E. Pittman.

Pallbearers were R. L. Savage, W. J. Savage, R. G. Cowper, G. P. Cowper, C. J. Savage and Harrya Eure.

Gates County ROLL of HONOR

KILLED

Ensign O. C. Turner of Gatesville.

Lt. Harry Matthews of Drum Hill.

Carlyle Spivey of Hobbsville.

Cpl. Fred D. Matthews, native of Drum Hill.

Cpl. Shirley R. Bunch of Sunbury.

Lieut. Julian K. Jollif of Gatesville.

T/5 Luther A. Eure of Eure.

Pfc. Daniel C. Jones of Gates.

Pvt. William E. Everette of Gates.

Pvt. W. H. Wilkins of Sunbury.

Sgt. Thomas H. Langston of Gates.

George D. Sparkman, Negro, of Gates.

William Powell, Jr., Negro, killed at Pearl Harbor.

S/Sgt. Hilton Harrell of Eure, Negro.

T/5 Jesse J. Bond of Gates, Negro.

The names of two more Gates county men are added this week to the list of those killed in action since the war began, bringing the total number of casualties to fifteen. With respect to its total population, it is noted that Gates county has suffered heavily in loss through battle.

The two latest names added to the growing list carried weekly in the Index as "Gates County Roll of Honor," are Staff Sergeant Hilton Harrell of Eure, and Technician 5th grade Jesse J. Bond of Gates, both Negroes.

Harrell, according to information received by his father, R. A.

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Sam Hobbs, 69, Died Saturday In Barber Shop

Funeral services were held at Hobbsville Baptist Church Sunday afternoon for Joseph W. (Sam) Hobbs, 69, who died unexpectedly Saturday morning in the barbershop at Hobbsville. The Rev. T. A. Collins, pastor of the Gatesville Methodist Church, officiated. Burial was in the family cemetery at Hobbsville.

Survivors include a number of nieces and nephews.

Pallbearers were Hilliary, L. R. Trotman, A. A. Hurdle, P. D. Hoobs, G. E. Stallings and Clarence Wiggins.

Red Cross Township Quotas Are Assigned

The Rev. T. Sloane Guy, Sr., chairman of the Gates County Chapter of the American Red Cross, has assigned the following quotas to township chairmen whose organizations are complete.

Holly Grove Township, \$725; Gatesville Township, \$725; Mintonville Township, \$575; Hunters Mill Township, \$575; Reynoldson Township, \$325; Hall's Township, \$325; Hasletts Township, \$250; Negro county quota, \$500.

A thorough canvass of the entire county is expected to be undertaken according to the campaign plans, Mr. Guy said.

Awarded Combat Infantry Badge

The combat infantryman's badge has been awarded to Pfc. Willie N. Jones for "exemplary conduct in action against the enemy" in the European Theatre of Operations, according to advice headquarters of the Seventh Armored Division's public relations office.

Pfc. Jones is the son of Mrs. Mary O. Jones, of Corapeake and has been in service for almost three years.