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Charles L. Lilley, World War I Vet, Buried Monday

Funeral services for Charles L. Lilley, 48, who died in a veterans' hospital Saturday afternoon after an illness of seven weeks, were held Monday afternoon at Eure Christian Church, the Rev. J. M. Roberts officiating. Burial was in the church cemetery.

An infantry veteran of World War One, Sergeant, Company D, 51st Infantry, he was a member of Gates County Post No. 136 of the American Legion, and other members of the post served as active pallbearers. The casket was draped with the American flag. Music was by the Gatesville high school choir.

He is survived by his wife, Mrs. Fannie Eure Lilley; five daughters, Mrs. F. T. Perkins, Mrs. Marshal Latham, Mrs. Edward Sholewinski, Mary and Margaret Lilley, all of Roduco; one son, Charles, Jr., and his foster-mother, Mrs. Harriett Lilley of Gatesville.

The body was removed to Rountree and Hofler Funeral Home from Veterans' Facility Hospital at Kecoughtan, Va., where he died.

Hundred Families Want Electricity After War Ends

All neighborhood leaders helping the REA post war expansion program are requested to interview the remaining prospective customers in their respective neighborhoods during this week if possible and send, bring or mail the papers to either the home or farm agent. When convenient the papers and membership fees may be given to the home agent at a home demonstration club meeting.

To date seven leaders have turned in 45 memberships and have a few more prospects to be interviewed before completing their surveys. Those reporting are M. C. Tinkham, Tinkham neighborhood, 5; Mrs. J. W. Blades, Little Island, 5; J. W. Spivey, Water Swamp, 9; P. F. Owens, Ariel, 4; Mrs. A. E. Parker, Roduco, 5; Mrs. R. A. Brown, Flat Branch, 9; Mrs. W. O. Spivey, Mintonville, 7.

There are eight or ten other leaders yet to report whom it is thought will run the total new membership list to perhaps a hundred.

"The leaders working on this program have done so wholeheartedly even though some have been unable to sign up but a few new members. The efforts of

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89 Entered In Garden Contest

The time for entering the victory garden contest has passed. There are now 89 contestants from the following townships: Gatesville, 12; Hall, 20; Reynoldson, 10; Hasletts, 5; Holly Grove, 13; Hunters Mill, 6; Mintonville, 23.

Cash or merchandise prizes will be awarded in November to the owner of the best garden in each township based largely on the score sheet on which each contestant keeps his own score. An extra 5 points is given for keeping a simple expense and receipt account.



MEET IN LUXEMBOURG. Pfc. B. G. Cowper, left, and his brother, Cpl. Lyman Cowper, met recently in Luxembourg, according to a letter received by Pvt. Cowper's wife, the former Miss Mary Woodcox, daughter of O. L. Woodcox of Ahoskie.

B. G. is in a combat engineer battalion while Lyman is in a headquarters battery. It was the first time they had seen each other since last August at home here in Gates county. They had been writing each other, however; finally they were both in Luxembourg (adjoining France and Germany) and the meeting was arranged.

Pvt. Cowper wrote his wife that both he and his brother are in good health and have gained weight in the service. Mrs. Cowper and their two daughters, Mary Gray and Nancy, live in Roduco. The Cowper brothers are sons of Mr. and Mrs. R. C. Cowper of Gates.

B. G. trained at Camp Swift, Texas, and went overseas in September or October. He was one of the Gates county boys who went to Fort Bragg for pre-induction physical examination last February in the same contingent with H. B. Lilley of Gatesville, Lucius Blanchard, manager of The Index, and several other Gates and Hertford county men.

Gatesville Man In Veteran Unit At Po Defenses

With the Fifth Army, Italy.—Pvt. Thomas W. Mise of Gatesville, jeep driver, is a member of the 81st Mechanized Cavalry Reconnaissance Squadron, probing German defenses before Italy's Po Valley as it nears the end of its third year overseas. The 81st entered the Italian campaign on the Cassina sector, where an officer and three men tested German defenses along the Rapido River and on Mt. Trocchio and Mt. Porchia.

The squadron sailed overseas in May, 1942, and served in Northern Ireland, Scotland and England before landing at Oran, Northern Algeria, to participate in the campaign there.

Without losing a man, the 81st's Troop C took 85 prisoners and killed many Germans in one engagement in southern Tunisia. The squadron participated at Sened, Maknassi, El Guettar, Kairouan, Kasserine Pass and Mateur.

Jordan to Conduct Services; Sunbury

Rev. Alphonso Jordan of Raleigh will conduct services at Beulah Baptist Church, Sunbury, Sunday morning at 11 o'clock. He will be assisted in the song service by his wife. The public is invited.



Jap Locomotive Is Latest "Kill" By Maj. W. R. Cowper

Advance 13th AAF Fighter Base, The Philippines.—Major William R. Cowper, Junior, of Gatesville, P-38 Lightning pilot with the 13th AAF Fighter Command's White Knights unit, exploded a Japanese locomotive in a recent fighter sweep of Formosa.

White Knights mates on the same strike blew up two additional locomotives, destroyed two trucks, and damaged a bus and two trucks.

The locomotive exploded by Major Cowper was parked on a railroad siding. The Gatesville fighter destroyed it on a strafing pass from the side when his bullets hit the engine's boiler.

Major Cowper is the son of Mr. and Mrs. William R. Cowper of Gatesville. He has graduated from Gatesville High School in 1936 and from the University of North Carolina in 1941.

Since moving to the Pacific theater in late 1943, Major Cowper has flown combat missions against the Japanese in the Solomons, New Britain, New Guinea, the East Indies, the Philippines and Formosa.

Major Cowper's name has appeared at frequent intervals in

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Eure and Askew Best All-Round At Gatesville Hi

Gatesville high school senior class this week selected and released the following list of superlatives for the year 1944-45. In each instance, the name of the girl is given first; the boy second:

Most studious, Ethleen Brown, Claude W. Hinton; biggest flirts, Gloria Eason, Claude W. Hinton; most bashful, Bertha Howell, H. J. Perry; quietest, Bertha Howell, H. J. Perry.

Loudest, Dorothy Jean Hand, Claude W. Hinton; tallest, Dorothy Jean Hand, Robert Lee Rountree; shortest, Bertha

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JOINS WACS

Mrs. Lula G. Goswick, telephone operator of Rich Square, formerly of Ahoskie, left last week for Fort Oglethorpe, Ga., where she will begin her training as a private in the WACS. She will be trained to do work in an Army general hospital.

Big Liquor Still And Two Men Taken Near Corapeake; 2 Escape

One of the biggest bootlegging liquor factories found operating in Gates county in many months was destroyed within hours of Corapeake Friday afternoon when sheriff L. F. Overman and Alcohol Tax Unit officers from Elizabeth City arrested Elton Morgan, 35, of Portsmouth, and Jesse Trotman, 26, of South Mills. Two other men at the scene of operations made their escape across the mill pond.

The officers confiscated 800 pounds of sugar, poured out about 300 gallons of mash and 75 gallons of whiskey run that day, and dynamited the rest of the outfit including the big upright steam boiler. A quantity of coal was also confiscated, the sheriff said.

Morgan and Trotman, chased down by the officers, were arraigned for hearing before a Federal commissioner in Plymouth Saturday.

Sheriff Overman said the two men who fled made good their escape as the officers closed in.

The outfit, of approximately 100-gallons-a-day capacity, Sheriff Overman estimated, was located in a thickly wooded area between the highway and the Lower Road. It was moved into North Carolina from across the state line in Virginia about a week ago where it had been under official watch, he said.

In Gates county, too, he added, the illicit still had been under observation until it was put in operation and the operators could be apprehended.

It was rumored in Gates county

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Former Gates Boy Missing in Action Over German Area

Sgt. Herbert M. Gätling, 23, has been reported missing in action over Germany since February 16, according to a message received by his mother, Mrs. Nell M. Gätling, of Portsmouth. He was serving in the Army Air Force as an aerial gunner on a B-24 Liberator bomber.

He has been in service since September, 1943, and left for overseas in July of last year.

Before entering the army, Sgt. Gätling was employed at the Naval Air Station. He was a graduate of Gates high school and attended William and Mary College, Norfolk Extension.

Mrs. Kate D. Eure Buried on Friday

Funeral services for Mrs. Kate Dudley Eure, who died Tuesday night, were conducted Friday afternoon at Eure Christian Church by the Rev. J. S. Cobb.

Pallbearers were Garris D. Parker, Timothy J. Parker, Charles A. Eure, Cecil C. Parker, and Leska G. Parker. Burial was in the church cemetery.

Mrs. Eure is survived by one son, Lieut. C. W. Dudley of Savannah, Ga., and one sister, Mrs. T. B. Parker of Gates.



HENRY WALLACE IN—Photo shows Henry A. Wallace, right, with Justice Hugo Black, as they signed the commission making the former vice president, the secretary of commerce. "You're in," said Justice Black.

Three Townships Reach Goals In Red Cross Drive

The Red Cross War Fund drive is progressing satisfactorily in Gates County, according to the Rev. T. Sloane Guy, Jr., chairman of the campaign. He reports that the following townships are over the top with contributions collected as follows:

Holly Grove, \$779.01; Hunters Mill, \$588.53; Mintonville, \$575.00; Holly Grove was first to reach its quota.

Mr. Guy said that other townships have not reported in full, but are well on the way to reaching their quotas. "This is also true of our Negro friends," he added, and said that full reports from all workers are expected this week and success in meeting the chapter quota is assured.

Alfred Hobbs, 52, Died Sunday

Alfred Hobbs, 52, died unexpectedly at his home in Hobbsville about 9 o'clock Sunday night.

Arrangements for the funeral services were incomplete late Monday night pending the arrival of a son who serves in the United States Army. The body was removed to Rountree Hofler Funeral Home in Gatesville to await completion of the arrangements.

He is survived by his wife, Mrs. Lillie Hobbs; five sons, Lewis Hobbs, Wallace Hobbs, and Cliff Hobbs of Hobbsville, and Quenton and LeRoy Hobbs of the Army of the United States; one brother, Alex Hobbs of Hobbsville; and three sisters, Mrs. William Stallings of Trotville, and Fannie and Hattie Hobbs of Hobbsville.

DANCE AT GATES

There will be a dance at Gates in Douglas Freeman's new warehouse Friday night, March 16. The dance will be sponsored by the Junior class of Gates high school.

The public is invited.