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John Glenn In Final Training As Navigator

Second Lieutenant John M. Glenn, 20-year-old son of Mrs. John M. Glenn of Gatesville, is now receiving his final phase of training as navigator of a B-24 Liberator bomber at Walla Walla Army Air Field, a base of the Fourth Air Force in the state of Washington.

It is at Walla Walla Army Air Field that combat crews on the mighty Liberator bombers are formed and here that final training is given. Before arriving at Walla Walla the men have finished a specialist school in preparation for their particular job. When they become members of a combat crew their individual talents are coordinated and they become a unified fighting team.

Prior to joining the Army Air Forces, Lt. Glenn was a student at North Carolina State College.

Gates Schools To Open at 8:30 EWT Beginning Mon.

On Monday morning both white and colored schools in Gates county will begin opening at 8:30 (EWT) instead of at 9:30, according to an announcement from W. Henry Overman, county superintendent of schools.

A short day schedule will be observed after this week, eliminating much of the recess periods in order that students may be released for home, work and chores. Under the new schedule, classes will be dismissed for the day at 2:15 or 2:30, Mr. Overman said.

A county wide meeting of white teachers will be held in the auditorium of Gatesville school Wednesday afternoon, April 4 at 3:30.

Brothers Meet In Luxembourg

With 1258th Engineer Combat Battalion in Germany.—Pfc. Bennett G. Cowper and brother, Technician Fifth Grade Lyman Cowper, sons of Mr. and Mrs. R. C. Cowper of Roduco, were reunited in Luxembourg. The two brothers had not seen each other in over two years.

Pfc. Cowper, former service station proprietor is serving with the 1258th Engineer Combat Battalion in Germany and has now been in this theatre for two months. The unit has recently participated in a commendation by Lt. Gen. George S. Patton, Jr. Technician Fifth Grade Lyman Cowper is serving with a field artillery unit in Germany.

Besides Bennett and Lyman, Mr. and Mrs. Cowper are also the parents of Edith, George and Reddick, all of Roduco.

Regular Clinic

The regular monthly well-baby and prenatal clinic will be held in the district health department office in Gatesville on the afternoon of April 5 at 3 o'clock, according to an announcement.



WELCOMES PACIFIC AIR CHIEF—Gen. H. H. Arnold, commanding general of the U. S. Air Force, was on hand to greet Gen. George Kenney, Pacific air chief, upon his return to the United States. The two are shown at the Miami airport.

Legion to Observe Memorial Day By Marking Veterans' Graves with Flags

Gates county Legionnaires of Post 136 and members of the Auxiliary held their first quarterly meeting at the hut Thursday and made plans for observance of Memorial Day with a supper meeting on the evening of May 26.

Officers will be elected at that meeting and flags will be given to members who will decorate the graves of World War One vets throughout the county on Sunday.

Ten Legionnaires and 10 members of the Auxiliary were present. H. C. Eason, Shirley Baines and J. E. Gregory were named the nominating committee to make recommendations at the Memorial Day meeting.

Shirley Baines, W. C. Story and L. C. Hand and Mrs. John M. Glenn, Mrs. S. E. Spivey and Mrs. L. C. Hand were named the two committees to look after the program and supper meeting for Memorial Day.

The Legionnaires took note that C. E. Lang of Gatesville is reported as being ill in the Veterans Hospital at Kecoughtan, Va.

Claude F. Corbitt Upped in Rank

Selman Field, Monroe, La.—Claude F. Corbitt of Sunbury, N. C., has been promoted to first lieutenant at Selman Field, where he is serving as a pilot and assistant flight leader in the AAF Training Command Navigation School there.

A graduate of Sunbury high school and former student at Duke University, Lieutenant Corbitt was playing professional baseball with the Montreal, Canada, team prior to entering the Army Air Forces in January, 1942.

Husband of Gates Girl War Casualty

Gates.—Mrs. Eileen Matthews Aheron of Norfolk has been notified that her husband, Lieut. Frank R. Aheron, 25, was killed in the European Theatre of Operations on March 11. Mrs. Aheron is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. A. C. Matthews of Gates.

Warwick Swamp Is Host to V. M. U.

Walter L. Eure Rites Were Held Sunday P. M.

Funeral services for Walter Lewis Eure, 75, who died at his home near Gates early Friday morning, were held Sunday afternoon at the home, the Rev. T. Sloane Guy, Sr., pastor of Gatesville Baptist Church, officiating. Burial was in the family cemetery.

An active member of the Baptist Church, Mr. Eure is survived by his wife, Mrs. Maude Sawyer Eure; a son, Ensign W. L. Eure, USNR; and two sisters, Mrs. A. P. Rountree of Gates and Mrs. P. B. Williams of Suffolk.

Pallbearers were E. E. Turner, T. G. Hampton, J. W. Hurst, C. M. Perry, J. A. Russell, M. E. Grimes, R. A. Brown and A. E. Lawrence. Honorary pallbearers were other friends of the family.

Music was furnished by the choir of the Gatesville Baptist Church.

Sgt. Rountree Is Given Air Medal; On 39 Missions

Technical Sergeant Thomas B. Rountree, U. S. A. A. F., husband of Mrs. Virginia Rountree of Hobbsville, has recently been awarded the Air Medal with two Oak Leaf Clusters. He was cited for "meritorious achievement while participating in aerial flights" in the Southwest Pacific area.

He took part in sustained operational flight missions during which hostile contact was probable and expected. These flights included bombing missions against enemy installations, shipping and supply bases, and aided considerably in the recent successes in that theatre.

Sgt. Rountree has completed 39 missions as first engineer and gunner on the B-24 Liberator with the 13th Air Force and is now back in the States for a leave.

Porcupine Puts Felton On Alert

With the 30th Infantry Division.—Pfc. Amos J. Felton, son of Mr. and Mrs. N. T. Felton of Roduco, and a member of Cannon Company, 117th Infantry, 30th division, participated in the recent assault crossing of the Roer river and the subsequent drive to the Rhine.

Pfc. Felton remembers the time he was standing guard in a German town one moonlit night. He heard movement in front of him and called out the challenge.

No answer. He called again, when there was still only silence he moved forward to investigate.

He found a porcupine.

Stallings Safe In Philippines

Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Stallings have learned that their son, Pfc. Lindsey M. Stallings, came safely through the recent fighting on Luzon Island in the Philippines.

A graduate of Hobbsville High School, Pfc. Stallings left for the southwest Pacific in October, 1943. He is now serving somewhere in the Philippines.

Five Rountree Measures Ratified In General Assembly Just Ended

Hard work and seriousness of purpose were seen by Raleigh columnists as perhaps the distinguishing features of the 1945 General Assembly. During the 67 legislative days—as compared with 55 days in 1943—1,454 measures were introduced.

Representative W. J. Rountree introduced five of them and all five were ratified between January 30 and February 23.

A review of Rountree legislation and its effect on Gates county would be as follows: HB 36—school bus inspection; making it mandatory for the county bus mechanic and one member each from the county board of commissioners and board of education to inspect the school buses prior to each term of Superior Court.

HB 242—prohibiting Sunday racing in Gates county, horse

The annual meeting of the W. M. U. of the Chowan Baptist Association will convene with the Warwick Swamp Baptist Church on April 3 at 10 o'clock. In addition to the regular program, special addresses will be given by Miss Kathryn Abee, and Drs. A. L. Gillispie and R. Potts. A large attendance from the sixty churches of the Association is expected. Lunch will be served on the grounds.

Venire Required; Superior Court Term Underway

The spring term of Gates County Superior Court got underway Monday with His Honor John J. Burney, presiding. Solicitor Chester Morris handle the prosecution.

It was indicated Monday that a special venire of 50 Gates county men would be summoned Tuesday for the trial of John McGee, Negro convict, who is charged with rape on a Negro woman while at large from the Gates County Prison Camp.

Charged with assault with a deadly weapon with intent to commit rape on Carrie Winborne, 21, Lonnie Jordan, Negro, motion was allowed wherein Judge Burney sentenced Jordan to serve two years for assault with a deadly weapon on a female. The prison sentence was suspended on condition that Jordan is seen in the company of no other women than his wife and that he drinks no alcoholic beverages during the next five years.

Seal Sale For Lame Children Reaches Climax

The annual Easter Seal campaign for crippled children will be brought to a climax in the schools of Gates county this week and will end Saturday, April 7, according to an announcement from Miss Clarine Gatling, chairman of the annual campaign of the North Carolina League for Crippled Children which opened last week.

The goal set for the state is \$100,000 this year. There is no official quota in Gates county, Miss Gatling said, but added that fifty percent of the contributions will be retained in Gates county for use by the local chapter of the organization.

Mrs. Hand Ends Price Clerkship

Effective April 25, Mrs. Iris Hand has tendered her resignation as price clerk of the Gates County War Price and Rationing Board. The daughter of Mrs. M. E. Langston and the late Mr. Langston, former sheriff of Gates County, Mrs. Hand is the wife of Lieut. L. C. Hand, Jr., of the U. S. Navy.

Mrs. Hand has served in her present capacity since August, 1943. Her successor has not been named.