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Clothing Workers In Action

The following clothing and community service chairmen will receive clothing in their communities for the United National Clothing Collection for the destitute peoples of war devastated countries. This drive began April 1 and closes April 30. This will be the only nation wide clothing collection to be conducted this spring in Gates county.

Ariel, Mrs. P. C. Tyler, Mrs. G. L. Gatling; Carter, Mrs. B. V. Brown, Mrs. Stanley Carter; Corapeake, Mrs. H. A. Eure, Mrs. Elton Taylor; Eure, Mrs. T. C. Lawrence, Mrs. Ernest Smith; Gates, Mrs. C. W. Guthrie, Mrs. D. A. Willey.

Gatesville, Mrs. Walter Harrell, Mrs. John W. Artz; Hazelton, Mrs. J. C. Benton, Mrs. J. B. Whitehurst; Hobbsville, Mrs. Oscar Riddick, Mrs. Daisey Spivey; Middle Swamp, Mrs. H. C. Brinkley, Mrs. Riddick Jones; Reynoldson, Mrs. J. N. Eure, Mrs. John Langston; Roduco, Mrs. Elijah Felton, Mrs. Odessa White.

Sandy Cross, Mrs. T. J. Stallings, Mrs. Mary Gregory; Sunbury, Mrs. J. S. Pierce, Mrs. A. V. Hoffer; Trotville, Mrs. G. T. Riddick, Mrs. E. A. Benton; Zion, Mrs. S. E. Spivey, Mrs. W. M. Spivey.

Mrs. T. C. Lawrence and Mrs. Ernest Smith, Eure, request that all articles of clothing in their community be brought to Miss Nellie Ruth Greene's Store or to the Eure School. Mrs. D. A. Willey and Mrs. C. W. Guthrie, Gates, ask that clothing in Gates be brought to Mrs. C. W. Guthrie's home (Methodist parsonage) or to the first aid room at the Gates School.

Mrs. J. A. Payne, Jr., Succumbs On Visit in Sunbury

Sunbury. — Funeral services were held near Culpeper, Va., Saturday afternoon at Lael Baptist Church for Mrs. Mary Anne Payne, 67, mother of Dr. John A. Payne, 3rd, of Sunbury, who died Thursday morning at the home of her son where she was visiting. She had been ill for a week.

The Rev. Herman Inge and the Rev. E. V. Peyton officiated. Burial was in the church cemetery.

Surviving are four daughters, Mrs. Conway Guthrie of Brookneal, Va., Miss Stella M. Payne of La Grange, Va., Mrs. C. P. Hathaway, Jr., and Mrs. Brooks Morgan of Sunbury; two sons, Dr. John A. Payne, 3rd of Sunbury, and Thomas W. Payne of Alexandria, Va.; five grandchildren, a sister, Mrs. P. H.

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Lewis to Preach At Damascus Church

Sunbury.—The senior glee club at Sunbury will render a special musical program and the Reverend Dr. Lewis of Portsmouth will deliver the sermon at Damascus Christian Church Sunday night at 8 o'clock. The public is cordially invited to attend, according to an announcement.



KILLED OVERSEAS. Lieut. Frank Ray Aheron, above, husband of the former Eileen Matthews, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. A. C. Matthews of Gates, was killed in England on March 11 as his plane crashed on returning from a mission over Europe. His death occurred on the first anniversary of their wedding.

Clinics For Children Scheduled

Pre-school clinics will be held in Gates county beginning in April. Dr. W. P. Jordan, district health officer, and Mrs. Elizabeth H. Crouse, public health nurse, who will conduct the clinics, urge parents to cooperate by having their children who will begin school next year at the school in their community on dates listed below:

Eure, April 18, at school, 1:30; Gates, April 25, at school, 1:30; Sunbury, May 2, at school, 1:30; Hobbsville, May 9, at school, 1:30; Gates Training, May 16, at school, 1:30; Gatesville, May 23, at health department office at 1:30.

Immunization against diphtheria will be given to all who need it, as well as the smallpox vaccination. All children entering school must have both vaccinations. It is important that parents come with the children so that a discussion of defects found may help toward getting corrections made.

Bagley in Outfit That Fought Off 1,000 Nazi Planes

With the Fifth Army, Italy.—Cpl. Rollache R. Bagley, Jr., of Hobbsville, is a member of the 105th Anti-aircraft Battalion, whose flak in the skies over the Mediterranean Theater since the invasion of North Africa has driven off 1,000 German planes, shot down 75, probably destroyed an additional 46 and damaged many others.

Now on the Fifth Army front

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TOO LATE FOR THIS WEEK

Meeting of Eure HD Club held last Thursday.
Eure quilting party held last Friday.
Shower for Mrs. Felton held Saturday.
Gates PTA meeting held last Tuesday night.
Announcement of special services at New Middle Swamp.

Sawney C. Eure of Eighteenth Casualty of War

"Drop A Line to A Sailor;" Lonely Seaman Wants to Hear from Friends

"Out here mail from home and the thought of going home are about all there is for us to look forward to, and going home is almost out of the question at the present time, so how about a line or two for a sailor, friend."

The above is the gist of a letter to the Index from James R. Butts, seaman, second class, "somewhere in the Philippine Islands."

Those who have the addresses of the following boys are asked to send them to Seaman Butts: Fentress Harrell, of the Army; Thurston Jolliff, of the Army; Hurshell Carter, of the Army. Butts has requested the addresses of these Gates county boys and apparently wants to write them.

Unless a person has been a long way from most of the people he knows for a long time, he cannot know how important it is to receive mail from the folks back home. Seaman Butts wrote: "I would also appreciate it if you will ask some of my friends—the ones that will—to drop me a few lines some time. It seems since I got out of school in Gatesville in 1940 I have drifted away from a lot of them, but in person only; my thoughts of them still linger on."

The Index is anxious to carry out Seaman Butts' request, and hereby asks that his friends write him regularly in the future. The following is his address: James R. Butts, S1/c, Acorn No. 30, c/o Fleet Post Office, San Francisco, California.

King Arrives In Philippine Islands

Drum Hill.—J. J. King, son of Mrs. Eva King, has arrived safely in the Philippine Islands, according to a recent letter. Pfc. King had been stationed at Camp Lee, Va., for the past year and a half. He wrote that is getting along well but that the Philippines do not compare with Gates county.



ARRIVAL OF SPRING.—Spring, as represented by Joan Leslie, has arrived in Hollywood. While Washington has been displaying cherry blossoms, California is content with orange blossoms and movie stars to mark the end of winter.



SKIPPER. Lieut. L. C. Hand, Jr., of Gatesville, has been promoted to commander on the destroyer escort which he served for a year as executive officer. His ship is operating in the Atlantic.

Burning Permits Stopped

After a disastrous fire that burned over 60 acres of C. C. Edwards land near Sunbury on Sunday afternoon, and while two more fires continued to rage in the county Monday afternoon, orders went out to deputy forest fire wardens instructing them to issue no more burning permits until after a "good rain."

Laying cause of the Sunbury fire to "carelessness," B. B. Powell district forest ranger, said Monday that issuance of a permit does relieve the burner of responsibility in connection with damage that may result. After a permit has been issued, the man who intends to start the fire is supposed to notify all property "joiners," those who own the properties adjoining his.

Approximately 65 men were engaged in fighting the Sunday fire. Valuable pulpwood timber again was destroyed. The fire was under control Monday, but according to Mr. Powell, whose orders came from the State, any fires started before the next big rain—with or without permits—will be illegal fires.

Ceiling Fowl Prices

Retail ceiling prices for poultry for April have been announced by the County War Price and Rationing Board as follows: live fryers 40 cents per pound; live hens 36 cents per pound; live old roosters 29 cents per pound.

MRS. ALSTON ILL

Drum Hill.—Mrs. Oscar Alston of Drum Hill is ill at this writing and is confined to her bed.

Gates Is Casualty of War

First reported missing in Germany since February 24, Pfc. Sawney Cecil Eure, son of Mr. and Mrs. S. E. Eure of Gates, was killed in action on that date, according to a message received by his parents from the War Department on Friday.

Private Eure was the eighteenth Gates county man killed in action or training since the day of Pearl Harbor. Fourteen white men and four Negroes are now on the Index Roll of Honor commemorating those who have given their lives for their country.

Graduating from Gates High School in 1940 and from Chowan College in 1942, Private Eure was 20 years of age. He entered the armed forces in April, 1943, and had left the United States for overseas duty less than a month before he was killed.

He was a brother of Lieut. Emma Eure Ware, Army Nurses Corps, whom he met and talked with in Germany a short while ago. A brother, Pfc. Edward Eure, is a patient in the hospital at Fort Story, Va.

Besides the two named above, he is survived by his parents, five other sisters, Mrs. William Councilman of Craddock, Va., Mrs. Herman Ward of Hobbsville and Helen, Malene and Musa Eure of Gates; and one other brother, Quinton Eure of Gates.

Advocate Carries Collins' Report On Church Work

The following report on progress of churches in the Gatesville Charge recently appeared in the Christian Advocate. It was prepared by the Rev. Thomas A. Collins, pastor of churches in the Gatesville Methodist Charge.

I should like to tell you about our Crusade for Christ, for I feel the people have done splendidly in view of all that is demanded of them this year to bring the

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No Episcopalian Services Sunday

There will be no services in the Episcopal churches of the Gates field Sunday, April 15. The priest-in-charge, the Rev. John H. Bonner, Jr., left Monday to begin a one-week preaching mission at Holy Trinity Episcopal Church in Lumberton. Mr. Bonner expects to be back on April 20.

HENRY BRINKLEY DIES AT HOME

Trotville.—Henry Brinkley, one of the oldest and most highly respected colored citizens of this place, died Tuesday morning at his home here after an illness of several weeks.