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## Drive For Clothing Finished

The United National Clothing Collection closed April 30. Just as soon as possible clothing leaders are asked to meet and sort clothes as follows:

Type 1 Infants (up to 3 years); type 2 Children (about 3 to 8 years); type 3 Men's and Boy's (about 9 years and over); type 4 Women's and Girl's (about 9 years and over); type 5 Shoes (paired and securely tied together); type 6 Bedding (usable remnants).

Material collected in each pile should then be packed separately in strong cardboard containers. Each container should be packed as tightly and securely as possible, tied with strong rope or wire. Labels have been sent to clothing leaders. They are asked to fill in gross weight and type number. Two shipping labels must be attached to each container. Labels should appear on opposite sides of cartons. If there is not a box full of the various types, the box should be left open to be filled in Gatesville.

For ease in handling each container should weigh approximately 100 pounds fully packed. "Of course we won't be able to have all of our boxes this size but keep this goal in mind. If two or three nearby communities wish to do their packing together you may do so," Miss Ona Patterson said.

"After you have finished packing, bring your collection to the auditorium of the Agricultural Building, Gatesville, not later than May 5. From here the total collection will be sent by truck to the Norfolk Warehouse, Norfolk, Va.," she added.

## Freak Wind Tears Roof from Barn Of W. P. Morris

Eason's X Roads. — A freak windstorm, which apparently accompanied Thursday night's thunder shower, struck behind a farmer's home on White Marsh Road, ripped the roof from a barn, leveled sections of a wire fence, and swirled clothes from a line into trees 200 feet away.

The freak wind hit on the residence of Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Morris formerly of Eason's Cross Roads shortly after 7 p. m.

Mr. Morris and a helper were in the barn at the time but both miraculously escaped injury. Morris, sensing the danger, threw himself flat on the barn floor while the terrible wind whipped the roof from its moorings.

The roof was carried 100 feet by the wind and deposited into a nearby field. Big limbs were torn from large maple trees surrounding the barn.

Clothes hanging on a line were wafted high into the trees and one sweater was seen dangling from a limb high above the ground.

The freak storm seemed to have been confined to the small area behind the Morris home. Neither Mrs. Morris nor a neighbor, Mrs. J. N. Edwards, reported hearing of other areas being hit.



**HIGH COMMAND TAKES TIME OUT**—Stopping for lunch during a conference on the Western front are, left to right: Sir Alan Brooke, Gen. Dwight D. Eisenhower, Field Marshal Sir Bernard L. Montgomery, Maj. Gen. John B. Anderson, XVI Corps commander, and Gen. Omar N. Bradley, C.G., 12th Army group.

## New Rations Stamps Became Valid May 1

Raleigh. — One new sugar stamp, five blue food stamps and five red food stamps became valid May 1, OPA District Director Theodore S. Johnson said today.

Sugar Stamp No. 36, blue stamps Y2, Z2, A1, B1, C1 for purchase of processed foods, and red stamps Q2, P2, S2, T2, and U2 for purchase of meats and fats, each good for ten points, became valid on that date, he said.

## Nurses Glory In Real Beds, First Time Since D-Day

With the 24th Evacuation Hospital, Somewhere in Germany.— Armed only with the experience gained in 280 days of combat and the Red Cross of the Geneva Convention, the 24th Evacuation hospital had set up in the remnants of a civilian German hospital and was standing by for the big push that was to send Allied Armies racing through Germany.

The medical department's operation officers had picked this particular spot on Germany's map for the forward evacuation hospital to support the push across the Rhine. The hospital, for strategic reasons, had been selected as it was the only habitable building left for miles around. German surgeons and nurses continued their civilian service in one wing, while the 24th's staff shared the same X-ray room in its side of the building simply because the equipment was permanently set in the floor and could not be moved. That was the only point of contact.

For almost a week the staff awaited the jump-off assault. Inside the building there was a hushed stillness of expectancy. The wards were clean, the beds

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## Ralph Hofler At Georgia Hospital

Cochran Field, Ga. — CWO Ralph H. Hofler, son of Mrs. J. L. Hofler, Sr., Gatesville, N. C., has arrived at this AAF convalescent hospital and has been assigned duties as officers personnel.

Cochran Field, formerly an AAF pilot school, is the newest of a number of AAF convalescent hospitals for the treatment of Air Forces men returned from overseas theatres.



**APPOINTED.** Merrill Evans of Ahsokie was appointed Monday as First District Highway Commissioner, replacing Carroll Wilson of Roanoke Rapids. The First District includes all the counties from Halifax east to the coast. Former Lieut. Gov. Sandy Graham of Hillsboro was named chairman of the commission at a salary increased to \$10,000 a year.

## Control of Cancer Drive Short Of \$242.00 Quota

Ona Patterson, county treasurer of the drive for control of cancer, reports a total of \$206.82 collected at noon Saturday against a county quota of \$241.65. The drive closed Monday. All enlistment officers are asked to report as soon after as possible. If there are organizations who want to contribute and haven't had a meeting since the drive opened April 15, they may still take collections in May and report to the county treasurer, Miss Patterson said.

The following enlistment officers reported a collection of twenty dollars or more: Mrs. Robert Brown, Zion; Mrs. H. A. Eure, Corapeake; Mrs. W. T. Council, Ariel; Mrs. Haywood Bunch, Hobbsville, and her committee reported a total of \$19.67. Other solicitors reporting last week were Mrs. D. A. Willey, Gates; Mrs. Milton Byrum, Sunbury; Mr. B. H. Ward, Sunbury; and Mrs. Elizabeth Crouse, Gatesville. All presidents of the 15 home demonstration clubs have reported. Corapeake Club gave \$50.76 to this cause. This was the total receipts after expenses had been paid from a dance held at Holly Grove.

## Gates Has Quota Of \$141,000 In "Mighty Seventh"

### New Ruritan Race Course Ten Days From Completion

Roduco. — With signs pointing to an easing of the ban on racing in May or June, Gates county track patrons look forward eagerly to completion of the Ruritan track between South Mills and Elizabeth City, 20 miles from Sunbury.

Activation of the Ruritan track will give Gates county horse-racing fanciers access to four tracks in this immediate vicinity; the Jessup track at Hertford, the Association track at Elizabeth City, the Gates County Racing Club track at Roduco, and the Ruritan track now nearing completion.

Sunday racing in Gates county was banned by the last legislature, and only two races had been staged on the Roduco track when the national ban on horse racing went into effect.

Prospects are that the Ruritan track will be ready for use within the next ten days, barring bad weather. It has been indicated in some quarters that the racing ban will be eased to some degree about May 27.

At the same time the first 10 stalls of the race track stables are under construction with every prospect of being ready for occupancy before the racetrack grading is completed.

The 10 stalls now under construction are only a beginning for the race track stables, according to T. L. Gregory, president of the Ruritan Fair Association.

### Final Rites Held For S. T. Wilkins

Suffolk.—Solomon T. Wilkins, 65, native of Gates county, died Sunday at 2:40 p. m. at his home near Cypress Chapel after an illness of two months.

Survivors include three sisters, Mrs. Nannie Carter, of Nansmond county; Mrs. Ada Benton, of Enfield, and Mrs. Bertie Wilson, of Drum Hill, and two brothers, C. L. and W. S. Wilkins, of Portsmouth.

The body was taken from the I. O. Hill and Company Funeral Home Tuesday at 2 p. m. for funeral services at 3 p. m. at the family cemetery in Gates county, near Savage's Church, to be conducted by the Rev. R. E. Brittle.

### On YWC Council

Mars Hill. — Annie Hope Blanchard, a member of the freshman class of Mars Hill College, was elected recently to serve on the college council of the Young Women's Auxiliary for 1945-46. Annie Hope has won many friends at M. H. C. and is known on the campus as one who has made the school motto her own personal motto, which is "Christ first, others second, and self last."

Gatesville—With its largest individual bond quota since the war began, Gates county is urged to buy its Seventh War Loan bonds without stimulation in the form of entertainment, shows or canvass.

"Our boys overseas have given heavily. Some have made the supreme sacrifice, giving their lives; others have suffered grievous wounds. No stimulation should be needed in the mighty Seventh," Robin Hood, county war finance chairman, declared today.

He pointed out that Gates county's overall quota is \$141,000, of which the "E" Bond quota is \$128,000, the largest yet by far. The national quota is 14 billion dollars, of which four billions are earmarked "E" bonds.

Official opening and closing dates of the Seventh War Loan are May 14 and June 30, but all Series E, F, G bonds and Series C Savings Notes bought and reported to the Federal Reserve between April 9 and July 7 will count in the mighty Seventh, Hood said.

## Negro Fined \$100 On Liquor Count; Bad Brakes Costly

Gatesville.—John Cross, colored of Gates, was found guilty of possessing untaxed whiskey for sale and was sentenced to serve 12 months on the roads by Recorder E. S. A. Ellenor in Gates county court Wednesday.

The road sentence was ordered suspended upon payment of the costs of court and a fine of one hundred dollars.

Found guilty of being drunk and disorderly in a public place and with possession of untaxed whiskey, Isaac Walton, colored of Roduco, was ordered to pay a fine of 25 dollars and the costs of court.

Two colored men were found guilty of operating autos with improper brakes and were ordered to pay five dollar fines and the costs of court. They are Vandel Cross of Gates and Cecil Clayton Boone.

## Lieut. Turner At British ATC Base

Eason's X Road.—First Lieut. Robert L. Turner, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Turner, is now serving at an ATC base in Great Britain. He is a member of the European Division of the Air Transport Command, U. S. Army Air Forces.

As the trans-Atlantic aerial supply line between the United States and Europe, the ATC's European Division operates hundreds of cargo and passenger planes monthly, which have carried 220,000 important passengers, 27,125 pounds of vital war cargo and 1,875,000,000 pieces of the all-important soldiers' mail between this theatre and the home front in the 26 months of the Division's history. On their return trips ATC aircraft have evacuated more than 18,000 wounded American soldiers to the United States since D-Day.