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TRUMAN PROCLAIMS VICTORY



A CANTEEN FOR A WATER SPRINKLER, an old sock for a daubber and an electric iron devised for the low voltage of most European buildings are the implements used by Army nurses overseas to keep their uniforms trim and fresh. Usually it's an old-fashioned flatiron heated on a pot-bellied stove and an Army blanket and table serving as a board. Lieut. Emma Eure Ware of Gates has charge of a post-operative ward in the 24th Evacuation Hospital, somewhere in Germany. —U. S. Army Signal Corps Photo.

Lost on Sub Shark, Walter R. Blanchard Was County Native

Eason's X Roads. — A chief torpedoman who enlisted in the United States Navy in 1919 and was lost when the submarine Shark was sunk off Manila Bay in March, 1941, was a native of Gates county, it has been pointed out to the Index. The name of Walter R. Blanchard, U. S. N., is added this week to the Index Roll of Honor and brings to 20 the number of Gates county men killed in action or training since World War Two began.

Blanchard, 39 years of age when the Shark was lost, is a son of the late Mr. and Mrs. Elisha Blanchard of Eason's Cross Roads. Two brothers are also in the armed forces. S. Sgt. Floyd W. Blanchard is at Camp Livingston, La., and Cpl. Luther Blanchard is stationed near 'alcutta, India.

A nephew, Pfc. Bernard E. Hobbs, was killed on Iwo Jima, and another nephew, Marvin E. Hobbs, is now serving in the South Pacific. Twelve of his first cousins are in the armed forces.

Blanchard's widow and son, Irvin, live in San Francisco, Calif.

SPECIAL PROGRAM

Eure. — A Mother's Day and Memorial program will be presented at Eure's Christian Church Sunday at 3 o'clock.



WAR CASUALTY. Pfc. Bernard E. Hobbs, above, son of Mr. and Mrs. Walter E. Hobbs of Gates, was killed on March 1 in the fighting on Iwo Jima Island. Twenty years of age, Hobbs, Fourth Marine Division, was Gates county's seventeenth son reported killed since the outbreak of the war.

MIDDLE SWAMP TO OBSERVE MOTHER'S DAY SUNDAY

Middle Swamp. — Mother's Day will be observed at Middle Swamp Church Sunday with short talks by the Rev. T. Sloane Guy, Sr., and by Chester R. Morris of Currituck, solicitor of the First Judicial District, who is the son of Mrs. W. F. Morris.

89 in Victory Garden Contest In Gates County

The names of 89 entrants in the victory garden contest were solicited and sent in by neighborhood leaders. The Office of Civilian Defense (OCD) in the county, I. C. Hand, chairman, is sponsoring the movement and the extension agents are cooperating.

It is hoped that every garden owner is doing his or her best, despite the unfavorable growing season, to have one of the best gardens possible. Contestants are urged not to "drop out" or "quit" the contest just because of a poor start. If at any time the home or farm agent can be of service in an advisory capacity on diseases, insects, spray materials, spray equipment etc., they are available for help.

Townships in number of entries are as follows: Mintonsville, 23; Hall, 20; Holly Grove, 13; Gatesville, 12; Reynoldson, 10; Hunters Mill, 6; Hasletts, 5.

School Clinic Scheduled For Next Wednesday

The pre-school clinic for Gates Training School, colored, will be held at the school on Wednesday of next week at 1:30. Dr. W. P. Jordan, district health officer, who will conduct the clinic, urges all parents to bring their children who are planning to enter school next fall.

Diphtheria and smallpox vaccinations will be administered to all who need it.

The North Carolina Legislature passed a law this year which requires that every child be vaccinated against whooping cough during the first year of life. Penalty for violation is \$50.00

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Town Officials All Re-elected; No Opposition

Gatesville. — Gatesville's mayor and three commissioners were returned to office for another term without opposition in town elections held Tuesday.

W. B. Williams, the only candidate filing for mayor, was returned to office, J. K. Wyatt, Dr. T. L. Carter and C. M. Lawrence were re-elected to the board of commissioners.

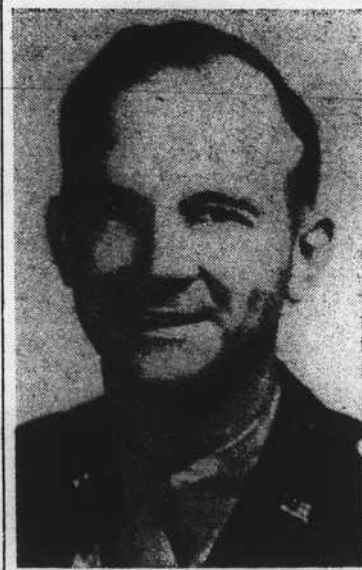
Promoted

U. S. Army Headquarters, Pacific Area.—Thomas J. Overman of Hobbsville, N. C., has been promoted from technician fifth grade to corporal in recognition of battle-proven courage and ability against the Japanese in the Palau Islands.

Corporal Overman is a member of the 81st "Wildcat" Infantry Division, which last fall invaded the Palau and other Western Caroline Islands. The soldier's father, J. C. Overman lives on Route 1, Hobbsville, N. C.

Sunday Is Designated As Day Of Prayer By President

The White House.—In a simple straight-forward message to the American people at 9 o'clock Tuesday morning, President Harry S. Truman proclaimed the Allied Victory in Europe and appointed Sunday, April 13, as a day of prayer throughout the United States.



KILLED IN FRANCE. Chief Warrant Officer James E. Hinton, above, was killed in action in France on March 3. Gates county's nineteenth war casualty, Hinton was the son of Mr. and Mrs. James R. Hinton of the Carter section.

Methodist Zone Meeting Set For Thursday at 10:30

Corapeake.—The Gates County Zone meeting of the Methodist Women's Societies of Christian Service will meet at Parker's Methodist Church tomorrow, Thursday.

The meeting will begin at 10:30 and will include morning and afternoon sessions. Mrs. Byrum announces that the speakers for the meeting will include Mrs. George Jackson of Hertford, Mrs. Evans of Edenton, Mrs. T. A. Collins of Gatesville, and Mrs. C. V. Cross of Gates. All of the ladies of the zone are reminded to make a special effort to attend the zone meeting if at all possible that profitable day together may be had.

End-of-Year School Activities Announce Graduation Time

Sunbury. — End-of-the-year school activities leading up to commencement time are taking the attention of Gates people. The Gatesville high school senior class play will be given next Thursday, May 17, and music classes at Gates and Sunbury will be presented in recitals on May 9 and May 11, according to announcements reaching the Index.

"Laugh, Clown," is the title of

The President's designation of Sunday was interpreted to mean the day should be dedicated to prayer for strength against the enemies still to be overcome, and to thanksgiving for the victory won over Germany.

The White House proclamation followed a solid day of rejoicing in the nation's larger cities, the surrender of German armies in Europe having already been made public early Monday morning. Mr. Truman made no mention of Tuesday as V-E Day, but Tuesday was already being celebrated as Victory in Europe Day. The White House statement was made simultaneously with

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Hurlie Lawrence Killed in Action On Western Front

Gatesville. — Pfc. Hurlie B. Lawrence, 26, formerly of Gatesville, was killed in the European theatre of operations on April 19, according to a message received this week by his aunt, Mrs. M. W. Brown, and his grandmother, Mrs. Etta Hayes.

Private Lawrence was the son of Mrs. Margaret Lawrence of Suffolk, and the late Hurlie Lawrence, both formerly of Gatesville.

The message reaching Gatesville came from Private Lawrence's wife, Mrs. Ruby Lawrence of Mississippi, who lives there with her parents and her two small children, Hurlie and Dianne.

Private Lawrence entered the armed forces in the fall of 1944 and went overseas in January. He had been employed by the Virginia State Highway Commission at Williamsburg.

EARL S. PIERCE HOME FROM NORTH PACIFIC

Sunbury. — Earl S. Pierce, EM3/c is back at his post of duty after spending a 15-day pass with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. H. G. Pierce of Sunbury. Pierce spent 18 months on duty in the North Pacific.

the three-act comedy to be offered at 8:30 o'clock in the Gatesville school auditorium on May 17. This is the annual senior play and officially opens the series of commencement exercises.

Students slated to have roles in the play are Rozanna Howell and Philip Harrell from the junior class; Elizabeth Copeland, Jessie Ree Doughtie, Dorothy

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