

GATES COUNTY INDEX

The Only Newspaper Published in and for Gates County

Volume 13, No. 37

Gatesville, N. C., Wednesday, May 16, 1945

12 Pages This Week

Board Votes Wage Increase to Home Agent; Busy Meet

Gatesville.—By vote of three to two, Gates county commissioners at their latest regular meeting decided to offer a \$300 salary increase to Miss Ona Patterson, Gates county home demonstration agent for the past five years. The increase does not guarantee however that Miss Patterson will remain in Gates county, since her activities are governed largely by the district supervisor and the head of her department.

The demonstration department recommended a yearly salary increase of \$400, pointing out that other counties in the state have offered salaries as high as \$50 a month more than Miss Patterson receives in Gates. Several counties in the state, larger than Gates, do not have demonstration agents and have put in bids for Miss Patterson's services.

Accepting welfare department and board of education budgets as presented, the commissioners left the tax rate unchanged at \$1.25 for the year 1945.

Unpaid tax accounts for 1942 were ordered turned over to the law firm of Godwin and Godwin for collection, and the sheriff was authorized to begin collection of schedule B taxes.

The county board also agreed to pay two-thirds of the expense of erecting an air marker for Gates county. It is understood that the Town of Gatesville would bear one-third of the expense, the total amounting to \$75.00.

Mighty Seventh Opens; County Quota \$141,000

Gatesville.—When the Seventh War Loan officially opened Monday, Gates county people had already invested \$12,660 in bonds since the Mighty Seventh counting period began, according to Robin Hood, chairman of the county War Finance Committee.

Against the E Bond quota of \$128,000, bonds totaling \$11,512.50 had been bought. The county's overall quota is \$141,000. Series G Bonds amounting to \$1,000, and Series F Bonds amounting to \$148, brought the total amount of bonds sold in the Seventh Loan to \$12,660.50, Hood said.

He added that no shows or entertainments have been planned in the county in connection with the drive and that victory in Europe should be an added incentive to prospective bond buyers.

\$342 Collected In Cancer Drive

Gatesville.—Miss Ona Patterson, county treasurer for the cancer drive, sponsored by the home demonstration clubs, reports a final total of \$342.23 turned in. The county quota of \$241.65 has been exceeded a little over \$100. The county cancer drive committee, composed of Mrs. G. C. Worrell, Gates; Mr. G. D. Gatling, Gates; and the home agent, wish to thank each contributor and each enlistment officer for making this drive such a big success.

Mrs. W. P. Lowe, Reynoldson Club president, has the distinction of securing more contributions.

See **CANCER DRIVE**, Page 12



END OF WORLD'S GREATEST WAR—Col. Gen. Gustav Jodl, German chief of staff, with back to camera, center, is shown signing the document under which all remaining forces of the German armies were bound to lay down their arms in unconditional surrender. The scene is supreme headquarters of the Allied forces, Rheims, France. Across the table from Jodl are (left to right) Lt. Gen. Sir Morgan, Gen. Francois Sevez, Admiral Bummough, and Lt. Gen. W. B. Smith, chief of staff to General Eisenhower; Lt. Ivan Sherstaef, Gen. Ivan Susloparoff, Gen. C. A. Spaatz, Marshal J. M. Ross, Gen. H. R. Bull, and Lt. Col. Ivan Zenkovitch.

Eight Teachers Not To Return Next Year



EARLY CASUALTY of the present war was Chief Torpedoman Walter R. Blanchard of Eason's Cross Roads, above, who was lost in 1941 when the submarine Shark was sunk off Manila Bay. He had been in service since 1919.

Over Two Tons Clothing In Gates Collected

Gatesville.—A total of 3,170 pounds of used clothing was given by Gates county citizens to the United Clothing Drive during the month of April. This amount, after being sorted, totaled by types as follows:

Infants, 94; children, 258; men's and boys; 871; women's and girls, 1,667; shoes, 197; miscellaneous, 83.

The following helped with the final sorting and packing at the agricultural building, each woman giving a half day's time:

Mrs. Wesley Parker, Mrs. H. B. Baines, Mrs. H. B. Lilley, Mrs. C. C. Parker, Mrs. W. Henry Overman, Mrs. John Glenn, Mrs. William Cross, Mrs. Edgar Cross, Mrs. B. V. Brown.

The Gates county collection was sent to Norfolk Monday morning, May 4, on Lycurgus Howell's truck. The clothes will be stored in the Norfolk warehouse until shipment overseas is made.

Gatesville.—All the white school teachers in Gates county were re-elected to teach in the county next year—1945-46—but eight of those reelected chose not to continue their work in the county's school another season, with the result that seven vacancies in the white school system exist at this time.

All teachers in the present faculty at Gatesville accepted their posts for another year. Two vacancies exist at Eure, including the position as principal. At Gates there are also two vacancies including the principalship. Mrs. Ruby Keller Corbitt did not accept re-election to her post at Sunbury, but the vacancy has been filled. At Hobbsville three vacancies remain to be filled.

Those Accepting

Superintendent W. Henry Overman said the following members of Gates county school staffs have accepted: at Gatesville, C. B. Blair, principal, Mrs. Shellen Parker, Mrs. Carolyn B. Eure, Mrs. Helen K. Blair, Miss Frances Newsome, Mrs. Margaret F. Rountree, Mrs. Harry L. Ward, Mrs. Lucy G. Pollock and Miss Sarah E. Harding.

At Eure, Mrs. H. T. Downs and Miss Carrie E. Rawls, Miss Janice Eggleston, principal of the school, will not be back, and Mrs. Jimmie B. Hand did not accept. At Gates, Mrs. Olia Wise Greene, Mrs. Gattis L. Gatling, Mrs. Elizabeth B. Darden, Mrs. Eva P. Ellenor, Principal R. E. Beasley will not return to the Gates school and Mrs. Doris B. Wiggins did not accept her job.

See **TEACHERS**, Page 12

Wins Promotion

U. S. Army Headquarters, Pacific Area.—Thomas J. Overman of Hobbsville, N. C., has been promoted to sergeant in recognition of battle-proven courage and ability against the Japanese.

Sgt. Overman is a member of the 81st "Wildcat" Infantry Division, which last fall invaded the Palau Islands and other Western Caroline Islands. He is the son of J. C. Overman of Route 1, Hobbsville, N. C.

PHILIPPINES EXPORT MUCH SUGAR

The principal exports of the Philippines are sugar, coconut products, abaca or manila hemp, tobacco products and lumber.

Oscar Creech And D. S. Johnson Are Sunbury Speakers

Sunbury.—J. Warren Geor principal of Sunbury high school has secured the following speakers for the Sunbury high school graduating exercises:

The commencement address to the graduates will be given on Wednesday evening, May 31, at 8:30 p. m. by D. S. Johnson, principal of Rocky Mount high school, Rocky Mount. Mr. Johnson received his A.B. and M.A. degrees from Duke University. After graduating he taught in Thomasville high school and in Durham. He served at the Oxford Orphanage school as principal prior to his present position.

The Rev. Oscar Creech, pastor of Ahoskie Baptist Church, will deliver a sermon to the graduates on Sunday evening, May 27, at 8:30. Mr. Creech is a graduate of Wake Forest College, receiving his B.A. degree from that institution. He taught school for six years, then became superintendent of schools in Nash county for five years. He attended the Southern Baptist Seminary after deciding to enter the ministry. He has had also the pastorate of Ahoskie Baptist Church for the past twenty years.

A program of the graduating exercises will appear in the next issue of the Index.

August 15 Set As Tentative School Opening

Gatesville.—August 15 has been tentatively set as the date on which all schools in Gates county—both white and colored—will open for the 1945-46 season, according to Superintendent W. Henry Overman following a meeting of the county board of education last Monday.

No closed school season for helping with the crop harvest is anticipated at this time, and the term should end about the first of May. Schools opened the 1944-45 season on August 4 and there was a school holiday for crop harvesting.

Under the eight months plan, See **AUGUST 15**, Page 12



TELLS OF WAR'S END. President Harry S. Truman as he announced the official unconditional surrender of the German army, and the end of the greatest war in history. He stated that "our victory is but half won. The West is free, but the East is still in bondage to the treacherous tyranny of the Japanese."



ADMIRAL DOENITZ. Grand Adm. Karl Doenitz, right, who announced the death of Hitler, left, and assumed the place of the Fuehrer. Photo was taken while Doenitz was leading submarines.

May 29 Poppy Day in County; Plans are Made

Gatesville.—Poppies to honor America's dead warriors of two World Wars will be worn in Gates county on Saturday, May 26th, Mrs. W. C. Story, president of Gates County unit of the American Legion Auxiliary, announced today.

The little red flowers will pay tribute both to those men who have died for their country in the present war and to those who fell 27 years ago in France and Belgium among the swaying poppies. The money that is received for the flowers will be used to aid the afflicted veterans of both wars and their families.

Extensive preparations for the observance of Poppy Day are being made by the county unit of the Auxiliary here under the leadership of Mrs. W. C. Story and Mrs. L. C. Hand, unit Poppy chairman. Everyone in the county will be able to buy the flowers of remembrance from the many volunteer workers from the Auxiliary.

This year it is expected that more Americans than ever before will wish to wear the poppies as a salute to the dead soldiers and their bereaved families, and as a financial aid to the living but disabled soldiers and their needy families.

Winfred O. Byrum Advanced in Navy

Gates.—Winfred Odell Byrum, 22, Route 2, Gates, has been advanced to seaman first class, U. S. N. R., while aboard a destroyer of the Atlantic Fleet.

The son of Mr. and Mrs. W. O. Byrum of Gates, he has a brother, Roger, 24, a private first class, in the Army military police, and another brother, Albert, a machinist in the Norfolk Navy Yard.

Before entering the Navy, Byrum operated a farm with his father. He attended Chowan high school, Tyner.