

# GATES COUNTY INDEX

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**WHERE PACIFIC BATTLE RAGES**—With street fighting marking the last stages of the Chinese campaign to retake Fochow, key China coast city, Jap troops were reported moving northward to points closer to their homeland. Fochow lies just 525 miles from Okinawa (1), where U. S. troops fought hard for victory, and 750 air miles from Manila (2), in the event that Fochow (3) should become a possible China coast landing point in the future, Okinawa would be expected to provide air protection while troops moved from Manila. In the Hunan province, Chinese troops were rolling the Japs back near former American airbases (4) at Paoching. Meanwhile carrier planes continue their terrific blasting of Kyushu (5) and other Jap centers.

## Returned Missionary To Speak Before County WMU Women At Eure

Eure. — The Gates County Woman's Missionary Union will meet at Eure Baptist Church on June 7 at 10:30 a. m.

The theme is "Hitherto, Henseforth," and Dr. Charles W. McDaniels of Richmond, Va., returned missionary from Soochow, China, will bring the missionary message of the day.

Others appearing on program will be Mrs. Ralph Ferguson, Mrs. Linwood Askew, Mrs. F. H. Rountree, Mrs. Eldon Eure, Mrs. Walter Ward, Mrs. T. C. Lawrence, Mrs. T. Sloane Guy, Mrs. Otha Riddick, Mrs. Hurley Aswell, Mrs. James Wright, Mrs. E. A. Kelly, Rev. Ralph Ferguson and a pageant directed by Mrs. W. Henry Overman.

## Homecoming And Memorial Day At Cool Springs

Cool Springs.—Sunday, June 3, has been designated as Homecoming and Memorial Day at Cool Springs Baptist Church, according to an announcement by the Rev. John E. Lanier, pastor.

There will be a morning and an afternoon service with a picnic lunch between services. The public is invited and everyone is asked to bring a lunch.

The morning service will begin at 11:30. The Rev. B. A. Mitchell will deliver the morning address with Charles B. Blair rendering a solo for the service.

At the afternoon session, which will begin at 2:15, the Rev. Bennie Crawford will give the devotional and Dr. A. T. Russell is to give the memorial address.

## AT HOME AFTER 16 MONTHS OVERSEAS

Hobbsville.—Pfc. Murray Spivey is spending a 30-day furlough at home with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. C. Spivey, after serving 16 months overseas. He served 11 months with the 4th Armored Division of the 3rd U. S. Army.

## Last Year's Leaf Crop Had Value Of \$113,090.00

Gatesville.—The total county tobacco allotment for 1944, on the 100 tobacco farms, was 354.5 acres. However only 66 farmers grew tobacco last year, harvesting 263.6 acres. The two main reasons why no tobacco was grown on 44 remaining farms according to John Artz, were, first, allotment was too small and curing facilities inconvenient; second, lack of labor. "It is expected that more farms will grow tobacco this year as a few new allotments were given out," he said.

It may be of general interest to know that the value of last year's harvested acreage (363.9) had a value of approximately \$113,090.00 based on an average yield of 1,000 pounds per acre and the season's average price of 43 cents per pound.

## Captain Brown Gives Eye - Witness Report on Nazi Death Camp at Gardelegen After Mass Executions

Gatesville.—The following was written by Captain J. W. Brown, Jr., United States Army Medical Corps, now in Germany. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Brown of Gatesville, and in the letter below he gives an eye-witness account of the Nazi horror camp at Gardelegen, Germany. "Until today I took all the death camp stories with a serving of salt, but my own eyes could hardly deceive me."

9th Army Germany April 20, 1945  
By the time this reaches you, you will no doubt have heard much about a German town named Gardelegen. I'm sure

## Liberations, Decorations And Discharges Head War News

### L. C. Hand New Gates County Post Commander

Gatesville. — New officers of the Gates county post of the American Legion were named Saturday night by the nominating committee, and the report was accepted as given. L. C. Hand is the new post commander succeeding Paul Hoffer. John Artz is the new adjutant, D. E. Barnes, sergeant at arms, W. C. Story, chaplain, F. L. Nixon, first vice commander, and J. W. Spivey, second vice commander.

The Rev. Thomas A. Collins was guest speaker at the Memorial Day meeting. Sixteen Legionnaires and six members of the Legion Auxiliary were present. Flags were given to a number of the members to decorate the graves of veterans in the county.

The membership committee to get renewals of members before June 15 is Hubert Eason, L. C. Hand, Earl Barnes, W. O. Spivey, M. B. Hobbs, F. L. Nixon and Irving Felton. Nearly all members present at the meeting Saturday paid their renewals. Irving Felton and Thomas Lilley of Gates, first two men of World War Two who have joined the post, were present Saturday night.

The post took notice that W. G. Britt of Hobbsville, World War One veteran, is seriously ill in the veteran's hospital at Keoughtan.

It was decided that beginning with the fourth Thursday in June, meetings of the post will See L. C. HAND, Page 6

### Dedication Service Slated for Sunday

Gatesville. — The Gatesville Methodist Church will have a service of dedication at the regular church hour Sunday.

At this time an honor roll, given by the Gatesville W. S. C. S., and a service flag, given as a memorial by Mrs. H. B. Rhodes, will be dedicated.

Parents and relatives of those in service from the church are especially invited to attend. Special music is being planned for this service.



**OKINAWA'S V-E DAY**—This Marine observed V-E Day on Okinawa by having his clothing blown from his back by a Jap mortar shell. Shocked and hurt, but still on his feet, he is helped toward the rear by a companion on the line.

### Mrs. J. A. Liles, Age 70, Died Sunday Morning

Sunbury. — Funeral services for Mrs. J. A. Liles, age 70, who died at her home near here early Sunday morning, were conducted Monday afternoon at Damascus Christian Church. The Rev. J. M. Roberts officiated at the service. Burial was in the family cemetery.

She is survived by her husband; one son, Cpl. J. S. Liles, with the U. S. Army, in Germany; one daughter, Miss Margaret Liles, Sunbury; one brother, R. L. Speight, Suffolk, Va.; and one sister, Mrs. J. R. Brinkley, Portsmouth, Va.

Active pallbearers were Joshua Perry, Ralph McDaniel, Garland McDaniel, Glover Hollowell, Johnny Foster, and Willie Kite. Honorary pallbearers were friends of the family.

The body was removed to the Rountree and Hoffer Funeral Home, Gatesville, when it remained until Monday afternoon when the cortege left for the church.

### ATTENDS ZONE MEETING

Gates.—Mrs. C. V. Cross attended the WSCS zone meeting of Beaufort and Hyde counties held in Washington, and the Plymouth zone, meeting held in Roper last week.

Reports of Gates county in the armed services of the United States took varied turns during the week just passed. Two have been liberated; three have been decorated; two have been discharged, and one is back home on furlough after nearly three years on the European continent.

Sgt. Harry Liniger, waist gunner on a Flying Fortress shot down over enemy occupied Europe many months ago, has been liberated from a German prison camp, according to information reaching his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Paul Liniger, through the Red Cross.

Pvt. Elbert Williams, son of Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Williams of near Tyner, is also back under military control after four months in prisoner of war camps following his capture in Luxembourg. He was first listed as missing and then as prisoner. He is being returned to the United States and should reach home in the near future.

### Decorations

Among those decorated are Pfc. Amos J. Felton of Roduco, Sgt. Wendell Loftin Stallings of Hobbsville, and Cpl. John E. Eure of Roduco. Felton and Stallings have been awarded the Bronze Star in Germany, and Eure the Certificate of Merit, also in Germany.

Private Felton is with the 30th See LIBERATIONS, Page 3

## Gilmer Delivers Address to Grads At Hobbsville

Hobbsville.—Graduation exercises will be held at Hobbsville high school tonight (Wednesday) at 8:30 when the Rev. Harold W. Gilmer, rector of St. Paul's Episcopal Church, Edenton, will deliver the commencement address.

The Rev. J. S. Taylor, pastor of Deep Creek Baptist Church, preached the baccalaureate sermon Sunday night. The graduation exercises began Friday night with a music recital under the direction of Mrs. Walter Hollowell. Senior class day exercises were also held Friday night.

## Shaw and Welfare Head Speakers At Farm Bureau Meet

Gatesville.—R. Flake Shaw of Greensboro, executive secretary of the North Carolina Farm Bureau, and Dr. Ellen Black Winston, State commissioner of public welfare, will be the speakers when a county-wide meeting of the Gates County Farm Bureau convenes at the Gatesville school Friday night, June 8, at 7 o'clock.

John Artz and Miss Ethel Parker are in charge of the program. Miss Ona Patterson is in charge of the entertainment and dinner. A fish fry will be served.

George Kittrell of Corapeake, is president of the county bureau; Tom J. Stallings of Hobbsville, is vice president, and S. P. Cross of Gatesville, is secretary and treasurer.

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