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BROTHER AND SISTER.—Lt. Lester W. Stallings and Pvt. Ruth K. Stallings are the son and daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas J. Stallings of Hobbsville.

Lt. Stallings, 24, inducted in the Army June, 1944, was recently graduated from Officers Candidate School, Infantry, Fort Benning, Ga. Lt. Stallings attended N. C. State College and Louisburg College and worked for Rust Engineering Co. before being inducted in the Army. He married the former Miss Alice Co-hill of Winston-Salem. Lt. Stallings has been assigned to duty at Camp Blanding, Fla., and Mrs. Stallings and children are making their home with him.

Pvt. Stallings, 22, volunteered for the WAC also in June, 1944. She received her basic training

at Fort Oglethorpe, Ga., and has been on duty at Deshon General Hospital, Butler, Pa. She is now attending Officers Candidate School in Physical Therapy at Lawson General Hospital, Atlanta, Ga. Upon graduation she will be given a commission in the Army Medical Corps. Pvt. Stallings is a graduate of Louisburg College and East Carolina Teachers College, holding a B. S. Degree in home economics and science. Before joining the WAC, Pvt. Stallings worked in the Metallurgical Laboratory, Norfolk Navy Yard.

Ten Gates County OPA Cases Heard; Results Given Here

Raleigh.—Suspensions and settlements involving 10 Gates county firms and individuals charged with violations of Office of Price Administration regulations were announced today by Theodore S. Johnson, Raleigh district director.

The announcement followed receipt at headquarters of official rulings signed by Chief Hearing Commissioner Daniel Bell of Atlanta. The hearings were conducted by Bell in Raleigh.

Johnson explained that the orders signed by Chief Bell suspended certain firms from buying, selling or delivering meats for periods as long as one year. In some cases the suspensions were ordered effective for only 30 days during which time the firms cannot deal in the commodities. The remainder of the time is made inactive provided

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Holly Grove Lodge Meets Wednesday; Visitors Expected

Holly Grove. — Holly Grove Lodge No. 12, Independent Order of Odd Fellows, will hold its regular communication at 8 o'clock on Wednesday evening, June 27, at the lodge hall in Holly Grove, according to an announcement.

Several members of Acharee Lodge No. 14 of Elizabeth City are expected to visit the Holly Grove lodge at the meeting. In addition to regular business, a short program is planned for the interest of all who attend.

All members of the local lodge are urged to be present and members of other lodges are cordially invited.



OVERSEAS. — Pfc. Robert R. Eason, husband of the former Joy Ward of Gatesville, is serving with the fifth armored division of the Ninth Army. He took his training at Florida, Texas, Alabama, Tennessee and New Jersey. He has been in the Army since September, 1942, and been overseas since January, 1944.

Pfc. Eason has seen action in France, Holland, Belgium and Germany. Prior to entering the service he was employed with the Citizens Rapid Transit Company of Newport News as bus driver. Pfc. Eason is now at Leinfelde, Germany. He writes that he is getting along fine.

Pfc. R. Eason is the son of Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Eason of Gatesville.

Vacation Bible Schools Planned For Month Of July

Payments to Needy and Dependent Increased During Past Year; Welfare Unit Reviews 12 Months Activity

Gatesville.—As the state and its counties prepare to go into another fiscal year next week, North Carolina public welfare agencies look forward to even greater accomplishments in 1945-46 than in the year coming to a close on Saturday.

During the past 12 months Gates county has increased its average payment monthly to needy aged persons from \$10.25 to \$11.30. The state-wide average has gone up from \$10.67 to \$12.50, according to Clarine Gatling, county welfare superintendent.

In this county there were 115 persons receiving old age assistance last June as compared with 105 this month.

Gates county has increased its monthly average grant to families of dependent children from \$18.39 to \$22.13 for the 19 families now receiving aid. A year ago there were 18 families receiving this aid. The state average payment to dependent children is \$24.76 for the month of June, 1945. A year ago it was \$18.29.

Miss Gatling said she had been advised by the State Board of Public Welfare of Raleigh that 39 of the 139 city jails and lockups had been inspected during the year along with all county homes and county jails.

These, said the local welfare head, represent only part of the progress made in public welfare in North Carolina in the last 12 months. Plans for the future will include more service to veterans and their families along with expanded work in other lines, she said.

It's Rats Again

Gatesville.—Mrs. T. A. Eure says she recently lost seven home-hatched baby chicks, weighing around three-fourths of a pound each. Mrs. Eure had placed them in a coop and boarded up the front she thought in a secure manner.

But next morning, upon taking away the boards to let the chicks out for the day, she was greeted by the "chirp" of one lonely chick, the puniest one of all. The other seven were lying on the floor, victims of a rat which evidently had squirmed through a crack between boards.

Affirmative Wins

Gatesville.—In an impromptu debate on whether there is more sport in fishing than hunting, Tazewell Eure and Leroy Hand defeated Aaron Lilly and Dr. T. L. Carter, using the affirmative side of the question at the Monday night meeting of the Gatesville Ruritan Club.

Two new members added to the club, and in a string swallowing stunt Tazewell Eure defeated Paul Hoffer.



OKINAWA TOONERVILLE. Marines of the 1st engineer battalion use this dilapidated Toonerville-like railroad car for a dispatcher's office north of Naha. Left to right, they are T/Sgt. Richard D. Monroe, Baltimore; 1st Lt. Howard F. Taplett, Tyndall, S. D.; Pfc. Charles E. Wheat, Louisville; Cpl. Benton E. Phelps, Jr., Pulaski, Tenn.; and Cpl. Virgil L. Edmisten, Letcher, S. D.

Sunbury Native, I. O. Hill Dies In Suffolk at Age 83

Suffolk.—Isaac Owen Hill, 83, prominent merchant and banker and founder of the I. O. Hill & Co. Funeral Home here, died Thursday at his residence, a short while after suffering a heart attack.

A native of Gates County, born and reared near Sunbury, Mr. Hill was the son of the late J. R. and Mary Anne Harrell Hill. He moved to Suffolk in 1889. In 1891 he established the furniture firm of I. O. Hill & Co. and a few years later established the funeral home bearing his name. He was vice-president, director and member of the discount board of the National Bank of Suffolk, of which he also was one of the original stockholders.

He was an active member of Main street Methodist Church, for many years was a member of its board of stewards and at the

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Son Born; Father Died in S. Pacific

Norfolk.—A son was born to Lieut. and Mrs. Roy B. Hall on June 14 in Norfolk General Hospital. The infant is also named Roy Burton Hall, but the lieutenant never saw his son. He lost his life enroute from New Guinea to Luzon on February 11, 1945, when enemy torpedoes sunk LST-577.

Lieutenant in the United States Infantry, Hall was a native of Canaan, Vt. Mrs. Hall is the former Eleanor Glenn of Gatesville.

Gatesville. — The Methodist churches have made tentative plans for the Summer Vacation Bible Schools. The Rev. John T. Maides, a theological student from Duke Divinity School, will assist the Rev. T. A. Collins in taking charge of the schools for this summer. Mr. Maides is from Maysville and has been assisting the Rev. C. W. Guthrie at Gates for the past month since school was out for the summer. Mr. Maides will be on the Gatesville charge for the month of July.

As scheduled now, unless there are changes in plans to be announced later, the Gatesville-Zion Vacation Church School will be held the first week in July, beginning Monday, July 2, and continuing throughout the week. The time of meetings will be from 9:30 a. m. to 12 noon. All children from Gatesville and Zion community are invited with the age limits being approximately 4-14.

The Philadelphia Methodist Church will hold a Vacation Church School the second week in July, beginning July 9, and continuing throughout the week. All children from Sunbury are invited from the Baptist and Christian churches as well as others. As usual it will be in the nature of a union meeting but will be held this year at the Methodist church. The same time and age limits apply as now planned.

"Further plans and the teachers for the schools will be announced soon, so watch for them and plan to attend your Vacation Church School for study, inspiration, and entertainment," Mr. Collins said.

Chinch Bugs Had Their Day; Now Are Disappearing

Gatesville. — "It appears that the chinch bug has had his day for this season at least and is now disappearing from the four farms, where two weeks ago, he was running rampant in a few fields of corn," according to John Artz. However, since then, one young farmer, Billie Lawrence, of near Gatesville reported that he had found infestation on a few rows of corn but an investigation next day disclosed that only slight damage had been done and the insects seemed to be vanishing fast.

L. T. Lilley, dairyman of Gatesville, also found the chinch bug in two cuts of corn. No widespread damage was done but a few rows and some scattered hills had been destroyed.

In all, five farmers had reported outbreaks of the insect to the county agent. However, there may have been other farm operators suffering similar damages.

State Extension Specialist in Entomology (Insects) J. Myron Maxwell, was in Gates county last Thursday upon request and visited three infested farms.

The specialist said Artz is carrying out the only practical means of control which was according to his advice given previously by letter and by telephone, namely: spraying with nicotine sulphate and soapy

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